

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Moscow's Moves

THERE are no unpleasant shocks and no breath-taking surprises in Russia's latest decision to annul her friendship treaties with Britain and France. Mr. Molotov threatened just two months ago if the Paris agreements were ratified by all the signatory powers. This warning caused no alarm then and the decision to "carry out what amounts to a reprisal" now should not concern Western Governments unduly.

The treaties in the case of both Britain and France were, after all, virtually meaningless. The circumstances under which they were signed during the tense days of the last war have changed considerably—to such an extent that their continued existence amounted to a hypocrisy which, however, the West were prepared to ignore in the hope that they might one day have proved useful in strengthening ties between the Democracies and the Communists.

But no Western diplomatist would be prepared to say now that World War III is any more likely as a result of it, or that eventual co-existence is any less possible. Having made the threat initially, Russia was virtually compelled to continue to the extreme of formal abrogation if for no other reason than to "keep pace" among her own dependent satellites.

BRITAIN deplores the decision for important diplomatic reasons. In claiming there is no justification for the Soviet action, she seeks primarily to impress a principle that is frequently overlooked: it is, that the Paris agreements rearming Germany are entirely a defensive measure dictated largely by Russia's own post-war armaments drive. But they pose no threat to her security or to that of her Iron Curtain allies in any way.

The effect of the annulment is likely to be only indirect. Perpetuation of present tension is indicated, but then nothing short of Western acquiescence to Soviet demands to abandon the Paris agreements would have induced the Kremlin to reduce Cold War pressure. And for the Democracies to have succumbed to Russia's diplomatic bombardment of threats and intimidation in the last few months would have been unforgivable weakness.

Does the Russian decision affect the chances of reaching an agreement on the unification of Germany and the granting of independence to Austria? Or of achieving agreement on other outstanding post-war decisions between East and West?

"NOT appreciable" would be a fair answer to both questions. The decision to annul the treaties was accompanied by what appeared to be an encouraging statement on the settlement of Austria's future. It was offered possibly as a deliberately perplexing counter-balance, but few will be deceived for it was ambiguous and non-committal and certainly of doubtful sincerity.

Russian tactics have consistently proved deceptive in the post war years. Optimism is invariably found to be the cloak for despair. And it is generally expected that despite all their honeyed words, the Kremlin will squeeze Austria dry of propaganda value before agreeing to evacuate her occupation troops.

Cancellation of the treaties will therefore probably make little difference to Western relations with Russia. The Soviet action also tends to confirm that while new four-power negotiations are possible in the months ahead, no early solutions of outstanding problems can be expected.

FORMOSA STRAITS: NEW
U.S. POLICY REPORTED
Nationalists
Must
"Go It Alone"
IN INITIAL STAGES
OF ANY ATTACK

Washington, Apr. 10.

President Eisenhower will insist on the Chinese Nationalists "going it alone" in the initial stages of any Peking attack in the Formosa area, according to press reports here tonight.

These said Mr. Eisenhower had told General Chiang Kai-shek that the Nationalists have the primary responsibility for defending not only the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu but Formosa itself.

The President as Commander-in-Chief, had directed American forces in the area to stand clear in the event of attack while he assessed its extent and intent, the reports added.

The Republican administration is said to hold the view that the Nationalists, equipped with the latest American weapons short of nuclear arms, could cope with any situation which did not amount to a full-scale invasion.

Under the reported new policy, ruling American forces would be in a state of readiness but would not join in the fighting unless themselves attacked.

If the Nationalists were seen to be losing in battle with the Mainland Chinese, then Mr. Eisenhower would have to decide about possible intervention, the reports said.

They suggested that if only the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu were at stake, Mr. Eisenhower would have to weigh world opinion and the reaction of the United States allies towards their defence.

If he became convinced that an attack on the islands was the forerunner of a big move against Formosa, American forces, equipped with tactical small-scale atomic weapons, would be sent into battle, the reports added.—Reuter.

Yemen's Ex-Foreign Minister
Sentenced To Death

London, Apr. 10.

The former Foreign Minister of the desert kingdom of the Yemen has been sentenced to death for his part in an abortive rising against his brother the King, Damascus Radio announced today.

The broadcast, monitored here, said bearded Prince Saif al Islam Abdullah had been sentenced to death by a court in Ta'ez, capital of the isolated desert kingdom.

The broadcast did not say if he had in fact been executed.

Two other men also were sentenced with Abdullah for their part in the abortive rising, the broadcast said. They too were scheduled for execution today.

Abdullah, one of the few Yemenites known to the West by virtue of his office as Foreign Minister, led an abortive Army coup d'etat against his brother, the Imam Ahmed, last Saturday. First reports trickling into the Indian Ocean port of Aden, nearest Western outpost to the Yemen, said the revolt was successful, but later it was learned that the Imam had regained control and quashed the revolt.

Steel Island To Be Built
Off Massachusetts

New York, Apr. 10.

A 6,000-ton steel island to be built 150 miles off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, will be the first of a chain of such islands carrying radar equipment as part of the American continent's East Coast early warning network against atomic attack.

The islands will be dotted along a 1,500-mile stretch of the coast from Norfolk to Newfoundland.

Details of these islands were released here today by two commercial firms concerned in the project sponsored by the United States Air Force.

They have been dubbed "Texas Towers" because the great radar masts which rise from them resemble the Texas offshore rigs used in oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

The deck of each triangular-shaped island will be 87 feet above water level—well above

the reach of the biggest waves. It will be supported by three huge cylindrical steel piles or caissons, ten feet in diameter and 200 feet long, which are embedded in the ocean floor.

Each base will be self-sufficient, generating its own power. There will be accommodation for between 50 and 70 men with sick-bays, recreational facilities, maintenance rooms and a helicopter port.

The bases will be built ashore—work on the first has already begun—and they will be towed to their positions.—Reuter.

Rain Spoils London
Easter Parade

London, Apr. 10.

Drizzling rain today turned London's annual Easter fashion parade in Rotten Row, famous horse riding avenue in Hyde Park, into a mackintosh and umbrella affair.

Scores of women had shelved their Easter bonnets for plastic headgear.

The only colour touch came from an old-fashioned stage coach packed with mannequins and show girls wearing spring fashions—which trundled slowly over the muddy tracks.

Hundreds of Easter holiday-makers gave it a big cheer—and then invaded cinemas, cafes and restaurants.

The dull weather, however, did not deter thousands of motorists from leaving the cities for seaside resorts and the countryside.

Churches throughout Britain reported large congregations. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret attended Easter Day service at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this morning. Crowds waited outside the church in the rain to see them arrive and leave.

Popular resorts were the Norfolk Broads, where about 2,000 boats were out sailing, and Snowdonia, Wales, where hotels and youth hostels were packed with holidaymakers.—China Mail Special.

BIG NY PARADE

New York, Apr. 10.

Two million spectators surged up and down New York's Fifth Avenue today in the warmest weather of the year to watch the famous Easter fashion parade.

Police said it was the biggest crowd ever and one of the most orderly. Even the fashions tended to be subdued though one woman in pink and orange satin paraded a poodle sporting a bonnet of artificial flowers.

In Washington, President Eisenhower and the Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles, attended morning service at the national Presbyterian Church.—Reuter.

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Best Of Luck

Belgrade, Apr. 10.

The Yugoslav newspaper Borba today supported the restoration of an independent and sovereign Austria and said that this would ease tensions between East and West.

The newspaper wished success to Herr Julius Raab, Austrian Chancellor, who flies to Moscow on Monday for discussions on a proposed Austrian settlement.—Reuter.

ILP Adopt
Some Odd
Resolutions

Harrogate, Apr. 10.

The annual conference of the Independent Labour Party—from which the Labour Party originally sprang—passed a resolution today saying that "Bevanism" was no alternative to the official Labour opposition policy.

It said: "Bevanism represents the mood of frustration felt by the rank and file of the Labour Party, but it has failed to provide a principled alternative to the official policy in both international and domestic affairs."

The resolution offered ILP support to the Labour Party rank and file in organising themselves "upon a principled and political basis instead of around personalities."

It also called on them to reject the trade union domination "which would try to prevent the growth of a genuine Socialist Party."

The leftwing ILP has between 80 and 90 branches in Britain, but no representatives in parliament.

NEUTRALITY CALL

The ILP conference also passed a resolution on international and colonial affairs reiterating the Party's demand that Britain should declare now that she would be neutral in a third world war, and condemning the decision of the Western powers to assist in the rearmament of Western Germany.

It warned workers against war danger in the Far East where it said American naval and air forces in the China seas were "a direct provocation to the Chinese Republic."

It urged that Britain's armed forces be withdrawn from Kenya, Cyprus and Malaya, and that all colonial territories under British rule or mandate be given immediate freedom and independence with a vesting date for native governments to take control.—Reuter.

British Awards
For Americans

Washington, Apr. 10.

British Ambassador Sir Roger Makins will award decorations to four Americans and 11 British subjects at special ceremonies in the Embassy here on Tuesday, it was announced today.

The Americans to be honoured are Dr. Grayson Kirk, President of Columbia University; Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt of New York; Dr. John B. Ellis of Bar Harbor, Maine; and Robert Graham of Brooklyn, New York.—United Press.

176 Treason Cases
Possible

Washington, Apr. 10.

The United States Justice Department is considering 176 possible treason cases involving American servicemen in the Korean War, Mr. William Tompkins, the department security chief, has disclosed.—Reuter.

Balloon
Trip
Ends In
Arrest

Vienna, Apr. 10.

A wayward balloon today carried Dr. Ugg Illig, Austria's Trade and Reconstruction Minister, to the Soviet zone where he was detained briefly by Russian authorities and then released with apologies.

The 57-year-old minister had taken the balloon trip to publicise a fund for an "orphans village". The balloon came down in a field near the town of Arbesthal. Russian guards arrested Dr. Illig and the balloon pilot Fred Dolder, a Swiss.

As soon as word of their plight reached Vienna, Interior Ministry officials got busy on the telephone and obtained their release. Dr. Illig returned to Vienna by car while Dolder and his assistants who had been detained in a nearby inn packed up the deflated balloon.

GUARDS ARRIVE

The party—which included Dr. Illig, his son, two reporters, Dolder and two assistants—went to the inn as soon as the balloon came down.

Dr. Illig telephoned Vienna for transport but before it could arrive, Soviet guards appeared. When Dr. Illig tried to explain who he was, the local Soviet Commander thought he was a practical joker and took him and Dolder to local headquarters for questioning. They were held for three hours.

His son and the two reporters accompanied him back to Vienna by car. Russian soldiers helped Dolder and his assistants to pack up the balloon.

Dr. Illig said he was not molested in any way and that the difficulty in establishing his identity was the only reason for the "relatively long detention".—Reuter.

WEIRD AND
WONDERFUL

Washington, Apr. 10.

The United States has now got a successor to the "flying bedstead"—the "flying dining room table".

The machine can ascend vertically and hover in the air and has a circular platform which looks like a table on which the pilot stands. To steer the "table" he merely leans in the direction he wants to take.

The United States Navy said today it had conducted successful experiments with the research machine built by a California Helicopter Company. The Navy said the "table" has its propellers housed in casings or ducts like big ventilating shafts. The principle involved might be applicable to larger vertical lift aircraft, the announcement said.

Further research and development would be necessary before these principles could be applied to the production of military aircraft.

"The flying dining room table" was the first ducted fan type of aircraft to fly carrying a man, the Navy said.—Reuter.

Serious Floods

Manaus, Brazil, Apr. 10.

The Governor of the State of Amazonas has appealed for Federal aid as reports poured into this state capital of dangerous flood conditions in the Amazon River tributaries.

The rivers Purus and Jurua are swollen, and cases of crop damage and abandonment of river villages have been reported. Governor Coelho, in his report to President Cafe, said conditions appeared worse than at the time of the Amazon floods in 1915, which caused millions of dollars worth of damage and killed scores.—United Press.

Churchill Relaxes

Westham, Apr. 10.

Sir Winston Churchill rumped with his grandchildren today and lunched with Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery.

Sir Winston obviously was enjoying life as a semi-private citizen.—United Press.

TODAY'S RACING
SELECTIONS

By "Rapiet"

RACE 1

Tip Top
No Regrets
V.I.P.
Outsider: Blossom Time.

RACE 2

Field Marshal
Rainbow
Clonfeckle
Outsider: Fenchurch.

RACE 3

Fleetmaster
Invincible
Tune-phone
Outsider: Festival View.

RACE 4

Five Gold
Amazola
Amusement
Outsider: Jemima P.

RACE 5

Good Girl
Another Victory
Free Kick
Outsider: Marine Charger.

RACE 6

Charleroi
Aviemore
Fire-glo
Outsider: Straight Forward.

RACE 7

Super-King
Spanish Fan
Full-of-Spirit
Outsider: Quicksilver.

RACE 8

Skyron
Potentiality
Star-glo
Outsider: Ambition.

RACE 9

Beautiful Phoenix
Barbarian
Tonyber
Outsider: Supreme Command.

RACE 10

Fighting Spirit
Hiram C
Prince Dahlia
Outsider: Silver Dahlia.

RACE 11

How Do I Know
Spinning Wheel
Same Again
Outsider: Cuntion.

RACE 12

Gladiol
So Nice
Brantome
Outsider: Resurrection.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Timber
Probability
V.I.P.
Outsider: Tip Top.

RACE 2

Fenchurch
Clonfeckle
First Edition
Outsider: Anna.

RACE 3

King Rider
Fleetmaster
May Blossom
Outsider: Strathpeffer.

RACE 4

Five Gold
Jemima P.
Amazola
Outsider: The Kangaroo.

RACE 5

Good Girl
Easy Slam
Free Kick
Outsider: Allied Victory.

RACE 6

Charleroi
Fire-glo
Aviemore
Outsider: New Jersey.

RACE 7

Super-King
Quicksilver
Full-of-Spirit
Outsider: Unicorn.

RACE 8

Skyron
Ambition
Hallmark
Outsider: Larc Triomphe.

RACE 9

Blue Bird
Supreme Command
Beautiful Phoenix
Outsider: Brant Bay.

RACE 10

Hiram C
Fel Cui
Predict Mine
Outsider: Prince Dahlia.

RACE 11

Can Do
How Do I Know
Speedy Roger
Outsider: Same Again.

RACE 12

Begonia
Dragonfly
Resurrection
Outsider: Brantome.

Newspaper Strike: Court's
Findings This Week

London, Apr. 11.

A government court of inquiry probing London's national press wage claim strike will this week put forward its plan for solving the 18-day old stoppage.

The three-man court has been working on its report almost non-stop since it

finished taking evidence last Thursday.

It is likely that the report will be presented to the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, late on Tuesday night.

But it may not be published as a White Paper before Wednesday or even Thursday.—Reuter.

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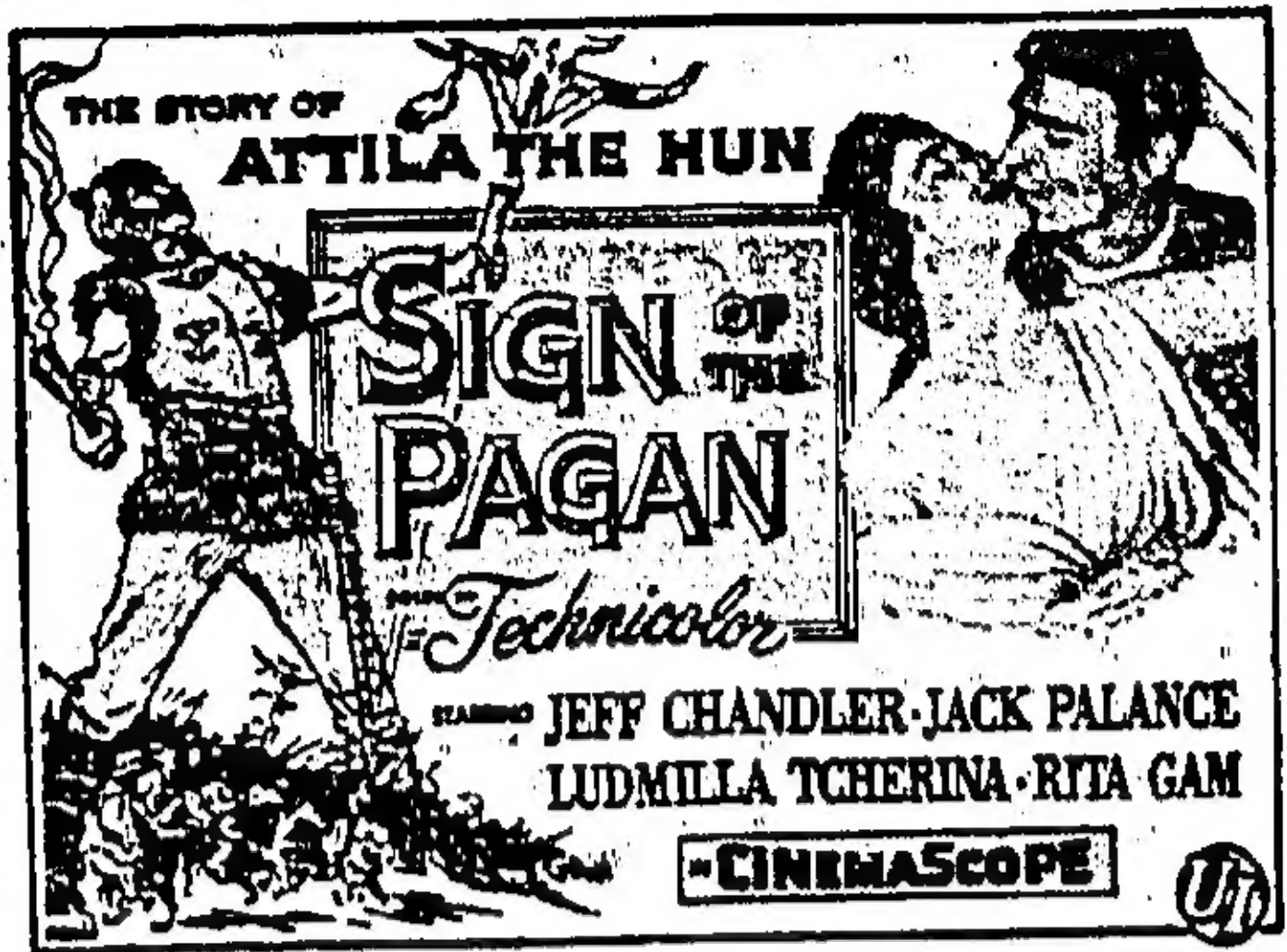
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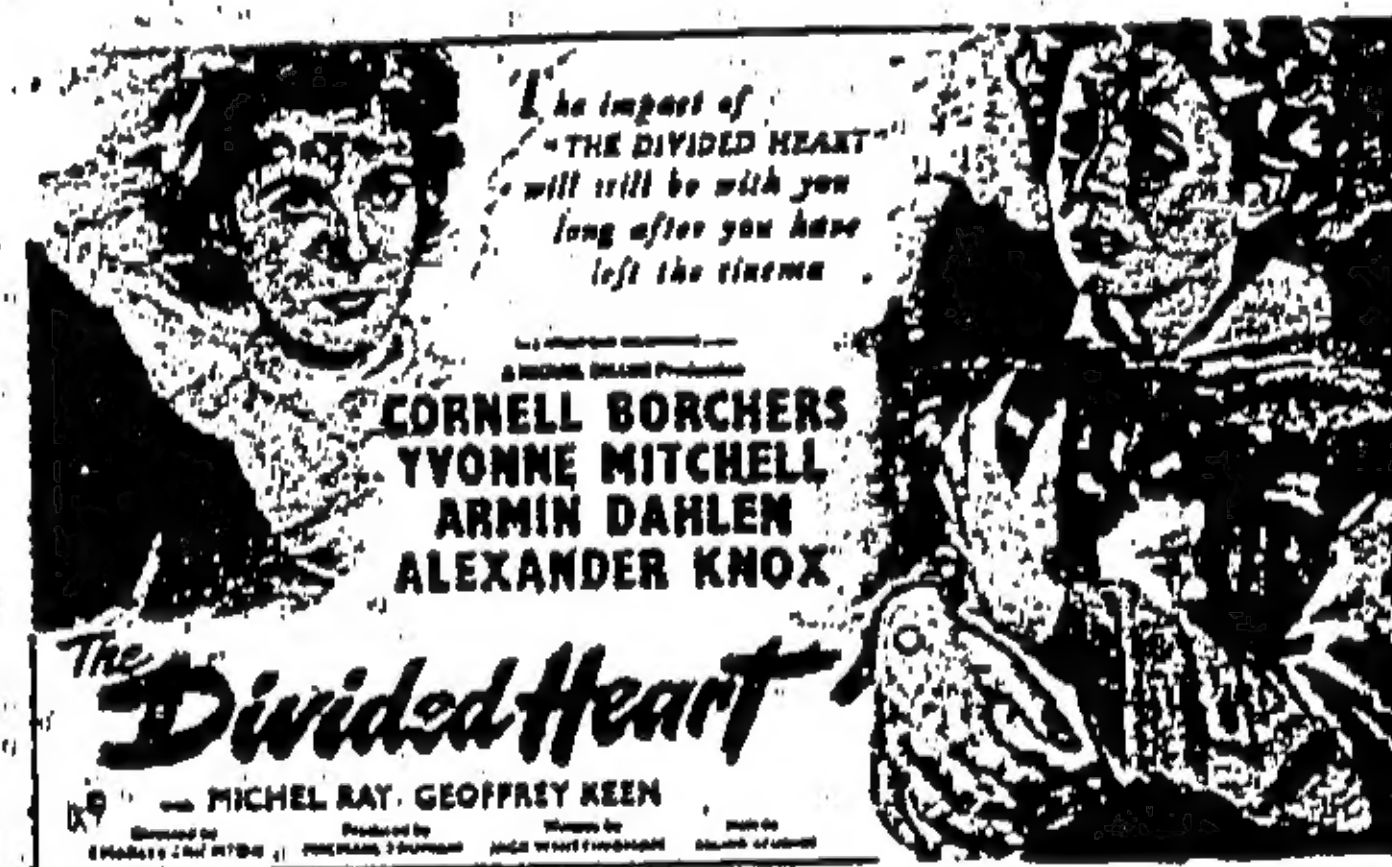
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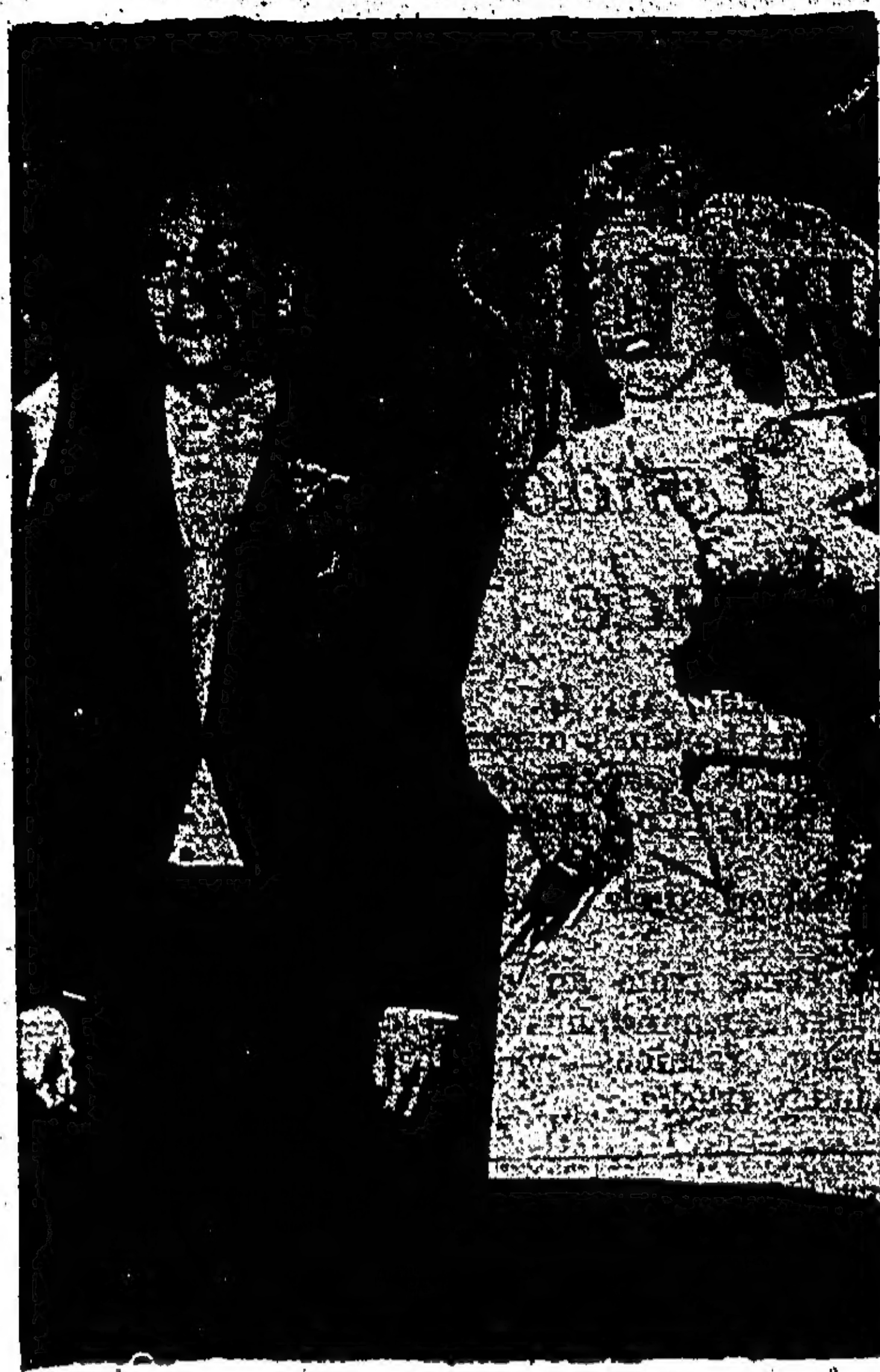
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Sheik Weds Austrian



Sheik Faisal al Naghi, Sheikh of the Abu Abdullah tribe of Samarra, on the banks of the Tigris, was married to Lilianna Maria Pabich, daughter of the owner of Park Hotel, in Upper-Austria, at Linz Cathedral, recently. Both are students. He is studying medicine, and she politics. The couple met two years ago when they attended a carnival festival arranged by the Austrian Student's Society in Vienna. Both of them will continue their studies in Germany when the next university term starts. Picture shows: Sheikh Faisal al Naghi and his bride seen during the ceremony in Linz Cathedral. — Express Photo.

Communist Victory
DESTRUCTION OF
CONSPIRACY

Paris, Apr. 10.

The Chinese Communist newspaper People's Daily said today that the smashing of the "conspiracy" led by two high-ranking party members, Kao Kang and Jao Shu-shi, was a "tremendous victory of the Communist Party and the people throughout the country in their struggle for Socialism," a broadcast of the New China News Agency said.

The agency reported last week that Kao Kang, fourth-ranking man in the Communist hierarchy and former leader in Manchuria, committed suicide after his "plot" was uncovered by the party. Jao Shu-shi, a ranking party official, was accused of conspiring with Kao.

The People's Daily said the "criminal aim of the Kao Kang-Jao Shu-shi anti-party alliance was to split our party" and overthrow "the Central Committee of the Party led by Comrade (President) Mao Tse-tung."

The paper said that the "the most unstable and least reliable elements in the party" to "restore the counter-revolution."

US KNEW

Declaring that the "American Imperialists" knew this, the newspaper quoted a high US State Department official as having told the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives on February 10 that "our hope of solving problems on the China mainland is not through attack upon the mainland, but rather by actions which would promote disintegration from within."

The paper called on the party to "remember the conspiracy of the class enemies" and observe strict discipline, it said. — France-Press.

Alleged Israeli
Attack
On Egyptians

Gaza, Apr. 10.

International truce observers were tonight investigating an alleged Israeli attack yesterday on Egyptian Army positions at Abu Hana in the Khan Yunis area, Egyptian sources said tonight.

Israeli soldiers bombarded the Abu Hana position for an hour with mortar guns and some houses were demolished, the sources said.

(An Israeli Army spokesman said in Tel Aviv last night that Israeli forces "inflicted" an Egyptian position in the Khan Yunis area). — Reuter.

LAND REFORM

America Should
Re-Emphasise
Her Support
MAJOR PROPAGANDA
WEAPON

Washington, Apr. 19.

Senator Hubert Humphrey said today that the United States must re-emphasise its support of land reform programmes throughout the world.

The Senator declared in a statement that the Eisenhower Administration's policy should be made crystal clear, as the Afro-Asian conference was opening in Indonesia soon, and the Communists could be expected to turn land reform into a major propaganda weapon there.

"We must move from defensive to an offensive position in relation to this significant conference," he added.

PRESSING PROBLEM

"In most of the countries to be represented at this important conference, man's relation to the land represents one of the most pressing social and economic problems."

"Nearly half of the world's people will be represented by countries participating in this conference, from which we are excluded."

"If we expect to keep the great majority of these people on the side of freedom in the world as contrasted to domination by Soviet imperialism, it is imperative that we assure them that we recognise and concur in their own aspirations—that our interest lies in their progress, not in their exploitation."

"Let us not make the mistake of letting the Communists seize on the popular objective of land reform as a propaganda weapon at this conference, the weapon they used so effectively in conquering Red China by taking better advantage than we did of the aspirations of underprivileged people who felt on the soil that they should share equally in the economic rewards from the land."

BASIC INTEREST

"Instead, let us stress the basic interest of the United States in support of land reform measures in their broadest concept, and take the offensive in turning the Communist propaganda efforts against the Kremlin."

"If spokesmen for the Kremlin dare to offer the bait of more widespread opportunity for land ownership to the land-hungry peasants of Asia and Africa, let us openly challenge the Soviet to apply such land reform principles in their own country and extend to Russians the opportunity to own and farm their own land instead of being compelled to accept a collectivised state agricultural pattern," he said. — Reuter.

Tanks Damage
German Roads

Hanover, Apr. 11.

The British Army has agreed to consult German authorities before using Lower Saxon roads for tank exercises, German officials said here.

They said the Army had agreed to observe the limitation placed upon civilian road traffic following recent complaints that heavy tanks, passing over roads previously damaged by heavy frosts, made them impassable and cut off several villages.

A British manoeuvre in the Oldenburg area, west of Bremen, has been postponed until later this month because of bad road conditions. — China Mail Special.

By-Election
In Rhodesia

Salisbury, Apr. 11.

A by-election involving the largest number of voters in the history of Southern Rhodesia will have to be held because of the death of the Reverend Percy Ibbotson, the Colony's European representative of Africans in the Federal Parliament.

It will provide a test of strength between the Federal Party led by the Federal Prime Minister, Lord Malvern (formerly Sir Godfrey Huggins), and the Opposition Confederate Party led by Mr J. D. Denby Young.

Mr Ibbotson, who was born at Harrogate, Yorkshire, was elected by all the voters of Southern Rhodesia at the first Federal election in 1953. For the by-election ballot papers will once again have to be distributed to every constituency of the colony, and every one of 51,160 European, coloured and African voters on the roll will be entitled to vote.

The by-election will involve electoral officials in nearly as much work as a complete general election. Instead of canvassing one normal constituency, candidates will have to put their case to the whole country.

At the general election Mr Ibbotson stood as an independent with the backing of the Federal Party and secured a substantial majority over the Confederate Party candidate. His election, coupled with the big Federal Party majority in the ordinary constituency, was regarded as a triumph for Lord Malvern's policy of racial partnership. — China Mail Special.

Revolutionary
Group
Uncovered

Paris, Apr. 10.

The Communist Chinese authorities have uncovered a "counter-revolutionary" organisation in northwest China and have arrested the ringleaders, Tass news agency reported today.

The organisation was directed by "Nationalist bandits," the news agency reported, citing the Chinese newspaper Hsi A. Jih Pao.

The organisation was said to have operated in Shensi and Kansu provinces.

Arms, a clandestine printing press, and leaflets were discovered, Tass said. — France-Press.

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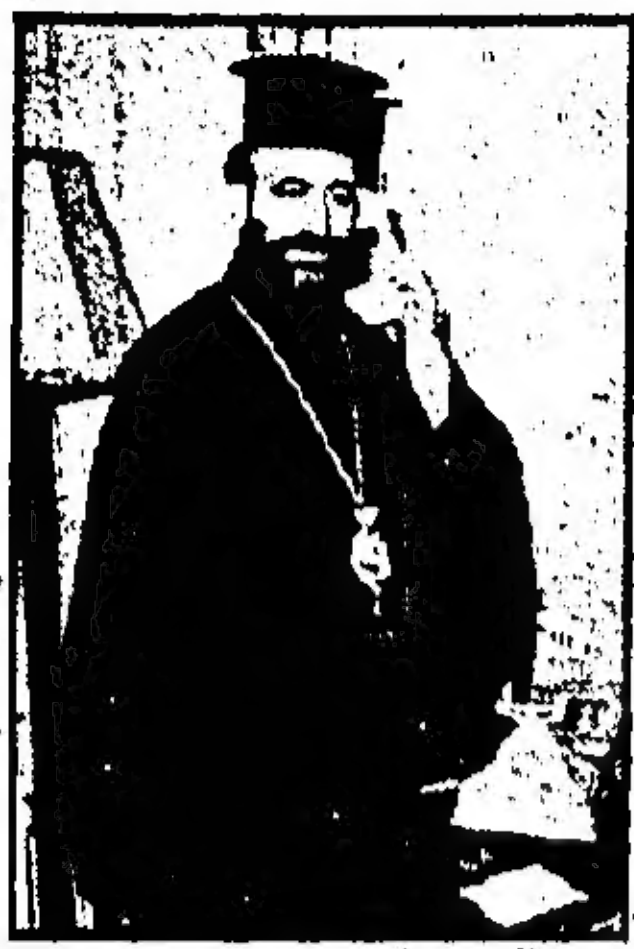
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JAPS' COMING OUT PARTY

Makarios
Confident



Nicosia, Apr. 10. Archbishop Makarios, leader of Enosis (union with Greece), declared today that the Cypriot people were "confident of a final victory" in their Enosis campaign.

He was conducting a church service here to mark the Greek Palm Sunday.—Reuter.

NEW PERSIAN PREMIER ILL

To Be Treated
In Paris

Teheran, Apr. 10. Persia's new Prime Minister, Hussein Ala, left by air tonight for Paris only a few hours after presenting his new cabinet to the Majlis (Lower House).

He is expected to be out of the country for two weeks receiving medical treatment in Europe.

Before leaving, Hussein Ala appointed the Foreign Minister Abdullah Xentem as acting Premier.

Hussein Ala succeeded General Zahedi who announced his resignation on Thursday and then left for medical treatment in Germany. He is at present in Beirut as guest of the Persian Ambassador there.

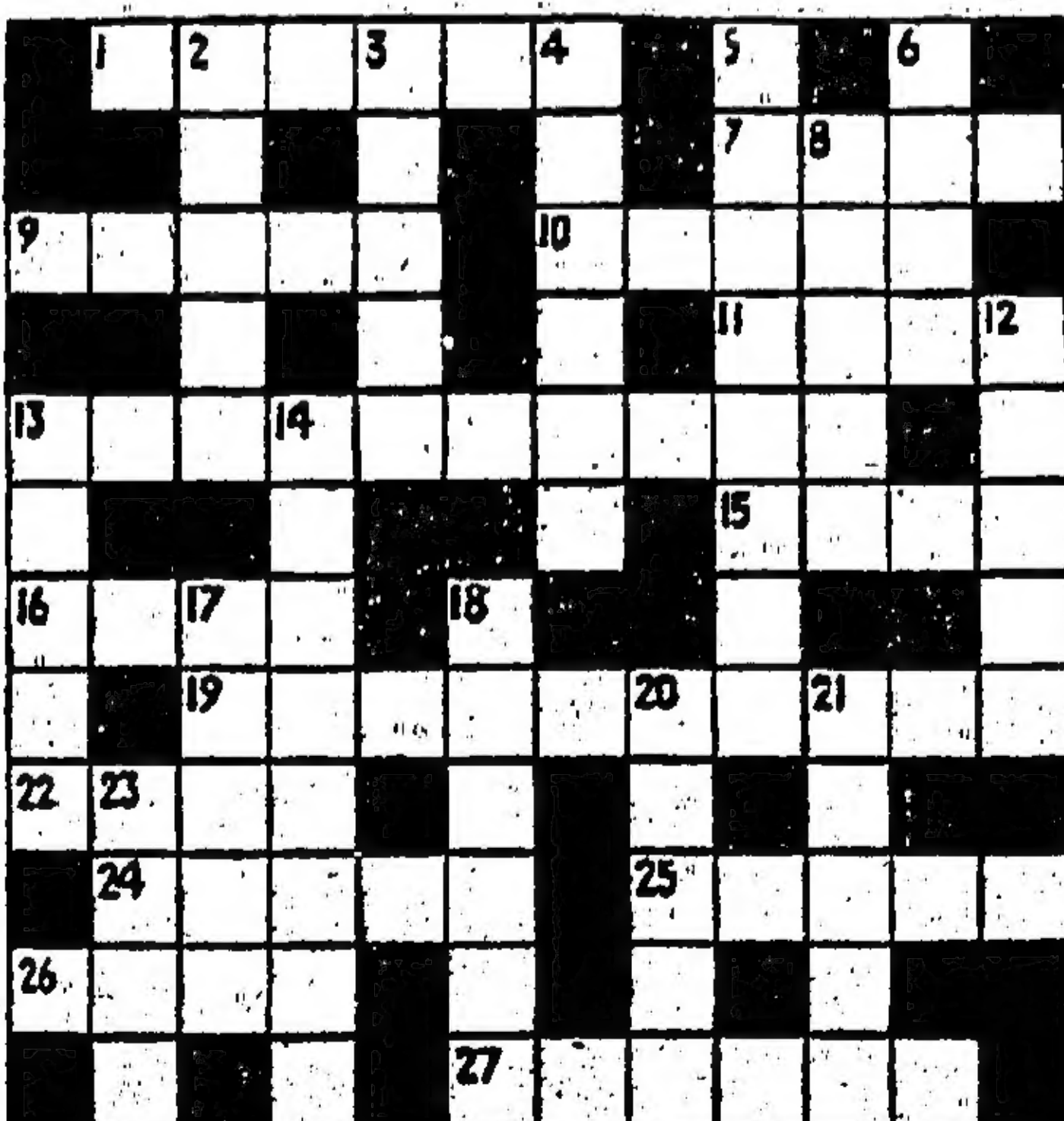
The new Prime Minister told the Majlis today his Government would fight corruption and continue the programme of stability, social reforms and friendly relations with all foreign states started by the previous cabinet.—Reuter.

REDS KILLED

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 10. A Thai police patrol on the border in northern Malaya killed two terrorists on Friday when they opened fire on a gang of eight, it was officially announced here today.

The communists added that another terrorist was killed by a Gurkha patrol in the Segamat area of Johore.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Extend (6).
7 Poems (4).
9 Card game (5).
10 Coal-worker (5).
11 Pace (4).
13 Recompense (10).
15 Region (4).
16 Garment (4).
19 Those who differ in opinion (10).
22 Quantity of paper (4).
24 Semi-precious stone (5).
25 Concoals (5).
26 Worry (4).
27 Divides (6).

DOWN
2 Geometrical figure (5).
3 Consumed (5).
4 Modest (6).
5 Loyal (8).
6 Lake (4).
8 Hinder (6).
12 Schemes (5).
13 Happen again (5).
14 Final (8).
17 Saw (5).
18 Welsh up (6).
20 Unusual (5).
21 Decree (5).
23 Nobleman (4).

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Will Attempt To Bridge Gap At Bandung

Tokyo, Apr. 11.

Japanese delegates to the Afro-Asian conference next week look at the occasion as Japan's first "coming out party" in the world's political society since the war.

With the exception of a few specialised agencies of the United Nations, Japan has not been represented at any major international conference since her defeat in 1945.

Her delegates are hoping to bridge the gap between East and West, but they fear that the politics of the cold war may frustrate their purpose.

Her relations with her Asian neighbours are generally less easy than those with more distant countries. Japan has still no diplomatic relations with South Korea, the Philippines or with the conference's host country, Indonesia.

After ten years as "orphan of Asia" Japan hopes that the conference will give her a chance to get back into the society of nations.

Her interests, according to senior Government officials here are twofold: economic and diplomatic. In many cases these overlap.

Japan desperately needs bigger markets for her exports—and

also Japan finds herself in the forefront of the "cold war"—militarily and politically she identifies herself closely with the United States; geographically and culturally with Asia.

Japan has thus a foot in both world camps. One of her delegates to the forthcoming conference described her potential role, "Japan is a halfway house between East and West. From us the West can learn about Asia; we have given Asia the benefit of what we have learned from the West particularly in the technical and industrial field."

While officials here welcomed the conference, they wondered whether Japan is appearing as a debutante at the wrong party. The conference is due to last only a week and the nations represent every shade of opinion; the militant Communism of China, the "neutrality" of India and the declared sympathy with the West of such countries as Turkey.

A Foreign Office official, who will attend the conference, said: "The time will be short, the speeches long. We shall be lucky to achieve very much."

He added: "It will be a tragedy if the conference is dominated by any particular personality or ideology and expressed a personal fear that it could be so dominated."

DISAPPOINTED
In this case he said Japan's 31 delegates headed by the Minister of State, Mr. Tatsuoka Takaaki, would be reduced to the role of disappointed and unwilling spectators on the sidelines.

He added that Japan would still take an active role—but behind the scenes between sessions.—Reuter.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Can two live as cheaply as one? Well, son, sit right down here and run your eye over these bills!"

Ipoh Beggars Are Capitalists

Singapore, Apr. 10.

A local press survey of beggars in Ipoh, in Perak, western Malaya, showed that most of them have a much higher income than the average Malayan—and a good many could well be called capitalists.

Beggars flock to Ipoh, which is a rich tin mining centre where gambling flourishes and winners are open-handed with their gains. Many of the beggars earn as much as \$38 or \$50 per day which is well over the average income in Malaya.

According to the survey, there are four classes of beggars: (1) old people—"amateurs" at begging and consequently the ones in the lowest income bracket; (2) the "middle class" beggars—professionals, often with the whole family working at the job of extracting tin, and usually making quite a fair living; (3) the employer class—beggars, usually blind or pretending to be blind who employ others to lead them around and collect the alms. They make an excellent income; and (4) roving beggars—the aristocrats of the begging profession, who have a well-worked out itinerary. They follow the race meets and local festivals and enjoy an excellent livelihood.

But the best part of the whole thing is—no part. Who wouldn't be a beggar in Ipoh?—France-Press.

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AGE WAS NO BARRIER

Singapore, Apr. 10. Two marriages, between couples widely different in age, caused controversy in the Malayan press recently.

In Kota Bharu, a 29-year-old Malay youth married a 70-year-old woman—a wealthy widow. She reportedly gave her young husband a diamond wedding ring worth \$31,500.

In Rawang, a 30-year-old Malay woman married a 71-year-old man. The young bride was separated from her husband a few days later because of the public outcry against the union.—France-Press.

UNREST IN BOLIVIA

Extremists Assail Govt Policy

La Paz, Bolivia, Apr. 10.

The President of Bolivia, Dr. Victor Paz Estensoro, attacking Communism in a speech, today, said the insignificant "Red" party in his country obeyed the orders of Moscow which controlled them like so many pawns in a game of chess.

The Communists, he said, accused him of receiving food and technical aid from the United States when Russia herself received such aid during the war against Germany. "Then nobody cried out as they do today," he declared.

OVERTHROW ATTEMPTS
Dr. Paz Estensoro also declared a right-wing organisation known as Rosca which he said engaged in conspiracy. But, he said, neither Rosca nor Roscos could change the revolutionary faith of the people who were determined to support him though others were trying to overthrow the Government.

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228 UNWANTED GUESTS IN US Close Watch Kept

Washington, Apr. 10.

The United States is stuck with 228 subversive aliens.

No other country will take them. And they can't be gaoled. The Government is keeping a close watch on them because they are potentially dangerous. The most dangerous are under heavy bond. All must report periodically to Federal officers on their whereabouts and conduct.

Li-Gen, Joseph M. Swing, Commissioner of Immigration, disclosed the names and last known addresses of the aliens to a House Appropriations Sub-Committee a month ago.

134 RUSSIANS
Gen. Swing's list included 134 Russians, 27 Poles, 15 Lithuanians, 7 Austrians, 7 Hungarians, 6 Romanians, 6 Yugoslavs, 6 Greeks and 5 Canadians. The other 228 are assorted nationalities.

Mr. A. C. Devaney, Assistant Immigration Commissioner, told the Sub-Committee, none of the aliens could be deported because no country will give them clearance or entry papers.

Chairman John J. Rooney wanted to know why they are "roaming around."

"Our experience," Mr. Devaney said, "has been that the courts would order us to release those who have been detained if we held them more than a few months while they were trying to get papers. We can hold them six months after the final (deportation) order."

He said that all of the aliens are subject to a "strict parole surveillance arrangement." This means, he said, that each alien must report to the Immigration Service periodically on his conduct, his residence, his associates and what he had been doing generally.

Mr. Devaney said the most dangerous aliens must report as often as once a week and are required to post "substantial bond."

Gen. Swing said he has no doubt that many of the "sub-

Somebody gets mad at his neighbors because they've kicked over the ashcan and they write in to the effect that he is a Red," he said. "I know that happens."

Mr. Rooney said many aliens arriving in New York by air en route to other countries can "go out on the town" for hours and days without any security check whatever.

Mr. Devaney said "transit" passengers who do not have visas are checked against an admissibility list. Those considered to be security risks are barred. The airlines, he said, post bonds for those permitted to stay in the city.

He said none of the thousands of transit passengers ever "disappeared" and only one man was ever "delayed" — for two days.—United Press.

AUSTRALIAN GIFT TO PI

Canberra, Apr. 10. The Australian Government has given A\$2,000 (£2,400 sterling) to the relief fund for the recent earthquake in the Philippines. Mr. Robert Menzies, the Prime Minister, announced today. He added that a message of sympathy for the victims had been cabled to the Philippines Government.—Reuter.

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DORIS DAY AND FRANK SINATRA

Young at Heart

ORSON THE TERRIBLE CAN BE VERY ELUSIVE

London. **ORSON WELLES**, a kind of artistic multiple-store, looked as though he was having a clearance sale. *Bargains already disposed of:* One film version of Othello. One modern thriller, Mr. Arkadin.

Salesman Welles assured me that both would be seen in London soon.

I made it clear I hadn't come to buy anything. So the creative syndicate took over from the salesman.

I discovered he was dictating a play into a Dictaphone; typing a novel on a typewriter; making notes for his series of TV talks; planning his next film; talking to Paris on the telephone; resculpting his face with restless fingertips—and giving an interview to me.

All, more or less, at once.

IF I get bored

He said, endeavouring to remould his forehead.

"I always do several things at the same time. Then if I get bored with one, I can get on to something else and that refreshes me."

I thought he seemed in need of refreshment and had an awful premonition he might at any moment attempt to form a French government to alleviate the boredom.

I had traced Welles, who can be as elusive as the Third Man, to a plainly furnished top-floor flat (you ascend in an ancient hand-propelled lift) off St James's.

● In a plainly-furnished top-floor flat in London the one-time enfant terrible plans a very expensive film on Spain. It is easier to raise millions than thousands, he says.

—By Thomas Wiseman

He had discarded the duffel coat which he wears defiantly even on trips to the Dorchester bar. In it he looks like an advertisement for a male Q-line.

He used to be the enfant terrible. Now that he is no longer an infant—he is 40—he has become Orson the Terrible.

I reminded him how he had bruised and terrified Peter Finch (playing Iago) with his impromptu epileptic fit in the stage production of Othello.

"Sometimes," he boomed, "that is a good thing. There are certain figures like Othello and Lear and Oedipus who should inspire terror."

"Even in your cast?" I inquired.

"How can you rehearse an epileptic fit?" parried Welles.

Has the girth

His face, from which a cigar projects like a permanent fixture, has scarcely changed and is still as vital and youthful as ever, but he now has the girth to play Falstaff without abdominal padding.

He is such a brilliant man that even if he scared the life out of Peter Finch I would forgive him.

pleasure, or, because I care about film acting."

But I can tell you some of the things he cares about.

He cares about food. He can consume with ease and relish 18 oysters, an entire chicken, numerous cream-cakes, two bottles of wine and several brandies at one sitting.

But when necessary he will diet rigorously and eat nothing but steaks.

He cares about music. He will fly a thousand miles to hear a symphony.

He cares about conversation. He will pick up the telephone and ring someone at the other end of the world and say: "Hello. This is Orson. What gives...?"

He does NOT care about fame and reputation.

"Fame," he says, "is a commercial thing. Like money it is necessary so that you can do what you want to do."

A pessimist

"I do not suppose I shall be remembered for anything. But I don't think about my work in these terms. It is just as vulgar to work for the sake of posterity as to work for the sake of money."

"I take pleasure in life, but I am a pessimist. I do not think the situation of the world can make you an optimist. I happen to be fortunate. But I am exceptional."

I have the impression that Welles conquered the world when he was too young to appreciate it.

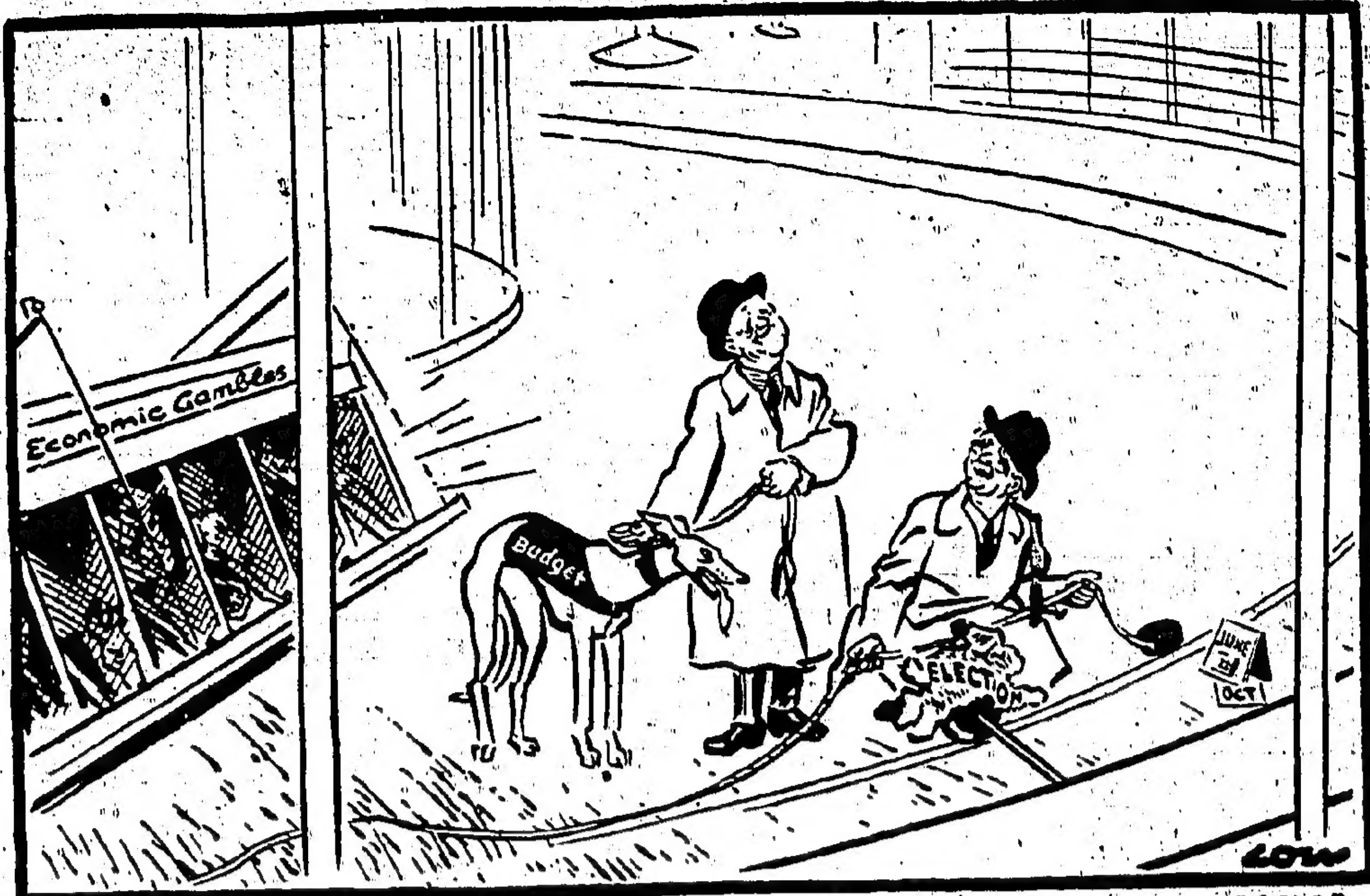
But you can always ask for the moon. I have a suspicion that he will.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"The management regret to announce that, owing to a laughable misunderstanding on the part of the Road Haulage Association, tonight's Violetta has been unavoidably prevented from reaching the Opera House."



"OF COURSE THE CONDITIONS MUST DEPEND ON HOW THE FAVOURITE FEELS"

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TOM STACEY, the explorer, while Canada-bound, drops in on New York... but finds the juke-box background is now set in a flatter key

Amid all that music I try (ALL IN) to get 'hep' in Harlem

THE music goes round and around, and around, and it comes out here. Where? Here, in Harlem.

The white folks, down in the Waldorf, had advised me motherly: "I wouldn't go up to Harlem alone, son. Specially at night."

They tried to make me believe Harlem had changed its gay colours since the days of my youth, when the Harlem Footwarmers and Louis Armstrong's Blackbirds had the Harlem streets pulsating in rhythm and laughter.

And the coloured folk too, in Harlem, tried to make me think it had gone all grown-up and grave.

ICE? NO, THANKS

PERHAPS that was why my coloured cab driver swung me into Harlem's "Broadway," Seventh Avenue, and put me down outside the Funeral Home.

But the music has already started. Rhythm permeates the stylish lazy-limbed crowds, who would top up to half a million of all shades between caramel and coal, in this north end of New York's Manhattan.

As we enter the Funeral Home, the tune most perceptible happens to be "I'll Be Glad When You're Dead, You Rascal You."

My cabbie, with a smile so broad it involves his ears, questions me about England.

"So you don't got yourselvesiced up much over there?" And I confirm that embalming is rare.

It turns out the tune is not coming from the Funeral Home but from the next-door bar's juke box, which now changes to "Forty Cups of Coffee." My cabbie wants to take me across to the Amsterdam News and hold a solemn panegyric about slave racks with the editor of Harlem's all-Negro weekly.

But I have already been discussing Nkrumah and the Gold Coast with singer Eartha Kitt. So instead I let that swinging music, plus an electric sign advertising ribs in the Ruff,

lure us in for a quick meal (including one cup of coffee) at the bar next door.

Ribs in the Ruff, described more fully in the menu as "a sizzling platter of barbecued baby spareribs in a platter of Long Island curlycue potatoes," sell at 55¢ a portion and turn out to be the up-down end of a rummy special juice. (I can write like that too, see.)

But before we can get on to the devilled crabcakes (served with cole slaw and potato sal, to the tune of "Lazy Bones"), I find myself talking about "Jim-crow"—colour bar on American TV with the menu's author and proprietor of the bar. He is the lofty, handsome, Jamaican-born Negro who played the young pastor in the film "Cry the Beloved Country." Name of Sidney Politer.

Sidney and I are just warming to a serious race-relations confab, to the juke-box tune of "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out," when an old pal of Sid's flings in and interrupts with "Hiya buddy, I wanna ask you something."

"You wanna ask me something?" says Sid.



STACEY... "I was warned"

"Yeah, I wanna ask you something," says the other feller—pardon me, fellow.

"Shoot away, shoot away," says Sidney.

So then the other man shoots: "You coming up to Connie's? We've got a jam session. Which we all decide to be a very good idea, if a little light-hearted."

At Connie's the cats are really jumping. Hot modern jazz pulses through the door to Seventh Avenue outside, two saxophonists, a double bass, and a pianist.

But inside the cosy, low-lit bar everyone is morosely about as if they were in the funeral business. Connie himself is a large Negro in a green velour hat and two diamond tie-clips, not to mention the rest.

MILK? YES, PLEASE

THEN Eternity Todd, a pretty girl who would be categorised here as a "cool glass of milk," gets up there and puts across a number named "I Wanna Hug Ya, Kiss Ya, Squeeze Ya, Till My Arms Fall Off."

Eternity sings it hot and strong, but my pals want to get me talking about labour conditions in Britain. Eternity renders "I'm a Small-town Girl, I'm a Small-town Chicken." Red hot, she is. But we are on to complaining (over our pineapple cheese pie) what rotten luck it is these Americans have no Princess Margaret.

Dead serious, we are.

It is an hour or two after midnight when we come out into the cold street as sad as Hades, having covered every subject from the tribulations of Foster Clayton Powell, Harlem's Negro Congressman, to exploitation of South Carolina sugar workers.

FIRE? WHO CARES?

It appears that the top storey, opposite of one of the blocks of flats, is on fire.

I reckon we ought to do something about the fire as no one else seems to have seen it. I truly begin to believe Harlem is a sad and serious spot.

I am just starting back into Connie's for the telephone when my cabbie asks me where I am going. When I explain, he turns to the others with his great grin dawning over his face.

Do they laugh? Man, they peal. My cabbie gurgles: "Brother, why you wanna go interfering in someone else's fire?"

And as they drive me off, and I am thinking perhaps Harlem is not so serious after all, I can't be sure that the quartet Connie's isn't playing "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." I can't be sure.

FLASH POINT IN PARAGUAY

By BERNARD McTAGGART

Asunción, Paraguay. THE history of Paraguay, Cinderella of the Americas, is one long illustration of the thesis that "life is just one damned thing after another."

Wars, revolutions, floods, famines, political intrigues fill page after page of the official histories.

Little wonder, then, that Paraguay's near the flash point again—and little wonder that the situation has a dash of all the ills that plague the world.

Communism, the ambitions of Juan Peron, and a political situation that, to an outsider at least, makes Kremlin capers look like a Sunday school picnic all figure in the middle.

POPULAR FRONT

Back in 1947 the Liberals and Communists formed a popular front to fight the Colorado Party which had been in power virtually unopposed since 1934. They started a revolution in the provincial capital of Concepcion—and fighting blazed up in other provincial towns.

These were put down. But not before Moscow heard about it. A little confused, Moscow's Red Star trumpeted "this is part of the struggle against unscrupulous fascist imperialism backed by American oil companies."

It happens that Paraguay's only stable exports of oil are vegetable oils.

But the Reds were on the bandwagon. Since then, the

Communists have spotted Paraguay, economically tottering, politically shaky, as a good bet.

And they have been working hard at it. Mostly inflaming ancient nationalist feelings—but directing feeling constantly against Argentina.

It wasn't so much that they didn't like Juan Peron and his activities in Argentina but that Paraguay's strong man General Alfredo Stroessner, who personally took power last year after directing a "puppet" government for several months and economic union with Argentina as the solution to Paraguay's problems.

Most of Paraguay's trade has always gone to Argentina for re-shipment. Two years ago, Paraguay, Argentina and Chile signed a trade agreement aimed at forming a "customs union" and Peron has been generous in providing relief funds after Paraguay's regularly disastrous floods.

CANNED CHEERS

Last autumn Peron came to Asunción, allegedly to give back some of the booty Argentines had collected in the disastrous war between the two countries which lasted from 1865 until 1870, but in fact, to talk to General Stroessner about closer links between the two countries.

Stroessner laid on a great welcome but canned cheers had to make up for the stolid, silent reaction of his people. For the nationalists, backed by the Communists, were hard at work.

Since then they have been increasingly active—sufficiently to make sure that Stroessner has done nothing to further any deals with Peron.

And, when it comes to nationalist sentiments, they have plenty to work on.

Paraguay was first put on the map by the explorer Sebastian Cabot who trekked up river from Argentina in 1527, following the track of an unknown Spanish explorer who never got out alive. In 1535 the country became a Spanish colony and stayed that way until 1811 when it got its independence.

BLOODY CARNAGE

The first dictator was one Dr Jose Francia. He was followed by Carlos Antonio Lopez who lasted long enough to hand the government over to his son, Francisco.

Francisco's ambitions were boundless. He saw himself as the ruler of all South America.

In an outburst of enthusiasm for his dream, he simultaneously declared war on Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay.

In the ensuing battle, the Paraguayan population was whittled down from 800,000 to 250,000—and only 30,000 of the 250,000 were men. The other three powers suffered 450,000 casualties between them.

But they also won the war and saddled Paraguay with vast reparations which have never been paid.

Argentina and Brazil eventually wrote off their shares, realising that they never would be met.

In the meanwhile, Lopez, growing frantic, had also ordered the executions of 65,000 people, including his mother, his two sisters, two brothers, and two brothers-in-law.

Nobody gained much. But having stood off most of South America for five years, the Paraguayans built up a mighty spirit of national pride.

Paraguay was just staggering to its feet when somebody discovered that Bolivia was encroaching on Paraguayan territory.

Border skirmishes went on and on.

Eventually, in 1830, Paraguay declared war. The whole nation went to war with a vengeance. Farms were left to the women. Men, badly armed and even unarmed, marched off by the tens of thousands. Even boys of 13 were called up.

TROUBLE AHEAD

Most of them were illiterate and few of them had any clear idea of what the war—officially over the Grand Chaco area—was really about. All they knew was that somebody had challenged independence.

Brazil supported Bolivia. Argentina supported Paraguay. But the Paraguayans disliked both.

In a scrap today you could get just the same turn-out. And, as the anti-Stroessner forces grow and as Stroessner continues to formulate his economic union plans, there could be trouble any time.

GOVERNOR'S CUP FINAL CAAF...11, HKFA...3

SKIPPER HONNIBALL FAILS TO PLUG A LEAK AND HIS MATES ARE SWAMPED

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The men who go down to the seas in ships long ago gave us an axiom that has been utilised in many an unnautical context. It is a simple saying of a vital truth... "If your ship springs a leak, plug it up..."

The skipper who ignores a major leak would be open to a serious accusation of hazarding his ship... and by exactly the same token a soccer skipper who makes no apparent or significant effort to plug a leak in his side simply asks for trouble... and at the Club Stadium yesterday he got it... to the 11th degree.

Don't imagine that this final score tells the whole story of the game. If every one had the true fact, it is the 11-3 tally that will stand for all time in the record book.

This was not soccer slaughter... it was soccer sacrifice... and I say that with a full appreciation of the fact that the HKFA side suffered a crushing blow when Nash was badly injured midway through the first half and took no further part in the game.

Up to that time the CAAF was a far from convincing side. The Hongkong FA representatives — with a many enforced changes from the selected line-up — struck a game from the start and their fast and powerful soccer had the Chinese defence in frequent difficulties.

RIGHT PATTERN

Morris set the right pattern of things when he outjumped everyone in the goalmouth to head a beautiful cross from Moss into the corner of the net. This goal came after three minutes and it nettled the CAAF defence.

The ball swung from end to end at high speed and the crowd was treated to as fine a soccer display as they have had in a long time. Near misses abounded and the fans at the popular ends had the unusual experience of seeing a Wai Fat-kim who was right out of form.

Then, in the 21st minute, came an incident that changed the path of the whole game. The Chinese, playing some magnificent man-to-man football, carried the ball into the penalty area. Honniball and Toth closed in to shut out the play; the ball was suddenly crushed through a crowd of players and it hit Nash full in the face. He dropped like a log. The ball in the meantime rebounded to near the penalty spot, was switched to Yiu Cheuk-yin, and like a flash it was in the net.

The loss of a goal and a player was a sad blow to the Hongkong FA but the situation was made even worse for there seemed to be no emergency team plan to cover the loss of

the St Joseph's back. True, Toth appeared to drop partially into Nash's position, and Moss took a step or two to his rear... but against forwards like Mok Chun-wah and Yiu Cheuk-yin such casual adjustments simply courted trouble.

Yet even with this unsatisfactory state of affairs things were going fairly well, but the second disaster, which came six minutes later, was the one which really blew the game sky-high. A harmless looking shot was sent in the direction of the Hongkong FA goal.

Lewis, who was having a grand game, positioned himself to make an easy clearance but the ball struck Toth and rolled away into the other corner of the net. It was a heavy, breaking blow for the team and it gave the Chinese boys a lead at the interval that they simply did not deserve.

FAMILY PICNIC

One felt that when the sides resumed there would be a tactical adjustment to make good Nash's absence... but whatever plans were made they certainly did not appear to be put into effect... or conversely, if what did take place was in accordance with an agreed plan, it took a bit of understanding.

In the history of Hongkong football there will surely be a place for Yiu Cheuk-yin and Mok Chun-wah as one of the really great left wings... yet here we had them being accorded the freedom of the Club Stadium... and being given enough room to hold a family picnic on the left wing.

Watched by resolute defenders, these two have usually managed to get goals. Here, stunned like two plague ridden victims, they had a real harvest and during the 45 minutes that the second half lasted they collected seven goals between them, laid on a couple for Ho Chung-yau, and performed near miracles to save the nearby Craigengower Cricket Club scoreboard from being pressed into service.

Time after time the ball was swung down the CAAF left wing and the South China twins found themselves with unopposed acreage in which to perform their particular brand of soccer magic and, as the score sheet shows, they may have nothing up their sleeve, but they certainly had plenty in the back of the net.

The run of play simply screamed out for a re-arrangement of the HKFA defence. Toth fiddled and footed far too much to be an asset at full back... and Moss spent most of his time up in the attack with the result that there was never really any right half-back.

Skipper Honniball persisted in this line-up to the bitter end and, while no one would think of blaming him for the defeat, there is no the slightest doubt that he must shoulder a great deal of the responsibility for its extent.

REGULAR INTERVALS

CAAF goals came at regular intervals throughout the second half. Yiu Cheuk-yin got four, Mok Chun-wah got three, and Ho Chung-yau made it a South China party by getting the other two.

Morris showed that given the chance he could beat the defence by getting one for the HKFA, and a deceptive lob by Walsley made it three. The Chinese fans cheered as the goals tally mounted, and by any standards, 14 goals and lots of clever football certainly gave them value for their money.

Although the CAAF victory was decisive in goals there was

more than a suspicion of unsteadiness about their defence. Wai Fat-kim, apart from a couple of good first half saves, had a shocking game and was a long way from looking like a Colony goalkeeper.

Lau Yee put Osborne in his pocket at the start and kept him there right up to the end. Hau Yung-sang was never really happy but this was probably connected with Ho Po-keung's unrelenting pressure. Chen Fair-hung was the best middleman but Tong Sheng was strangely quiet throughout.

Up front it was the 'Twins' all the way. They were immense and neither Ho Yung-fun nor Chu Wing-keung ever matched them in skill, pace or ideas. Ho Chung-yau, however, left his shooting boots at Caroline Hill and was not as prominent as usual.

The HKFA side fought a grand uphill battle until the interval but poor tactics, and probably the heat, scuttled them long before the end. Lewis was magnificent in goal but never enjoyed Fortune's smile as he was twice beaten from rebounds following brilliant work or nothing at all. Nash and Hayes looked good at the outset but the Army left-back suffered in the general decline that hit the defence when his partner was injured.

Toth at half-back was a real asset... but after his move to full-back he often endangered his goal with fruitless tactics. One unrelenting back-heater to his goalkeeper from two yards was football folly at its worst... and his ill-conceived demonstration of beating Mok Chun-wah four times in a few yards, only to lose the ball in act five, was hardly what one expected from a last line defender in a side that was already a man short.

Honniball played well in the middle and the fact that he shut wily Chu Wing-keung out of the game speaks volumes... but he was the skipper and I feel that he should have taken some practical steps to plug the leak in his defence.

Walters, coming into the side at the last moment, did quite well, but the front rank finished up a thing of shreds and patches... although it started off with loads of activity and promise.

Osborne is not yet ready for this class of football and Walsley on the other wing is not becoming a 'winkie' team star... when his team is 'up' so is he... but when it is down he becomes a very ordinary player indeed.

Morris and Moss ran themselves into the ground in an effort to keep things going, and Murray, who showed lots of football skill early on, faded out badly later on.

VERDICT: The loss of Nash changed the whole aspect of the game... although it probably did not alter the actual result. For half-an-hour this was excellent stuff that had the crowd really yelling... but, Oh! these defensive lapses... the China Seas could have flowed up the right side without wetting a blue-and-white jersey... But let's hand it to the CAAF. Whatever the circumstances they got on with the job of scoring goals... and that is the whole object of the game.

THE TEAMS

CAAF: Wai Fat-kim; Hau Yung-sang; Lau Yee; Chan Fair-hung; Ho Po-keung; Tong Sheng; Ho Yung-fun; Ho Chung-yau; Chu Wing-keung; Yiu Cheuk-yin; Mok Chun-wah.

HKFA: Lewis; Nash; Hayes; Toth; Tomhill; Walters; Osborne; Moss; Morris; Murray; Walsley.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SINCE 1938



The first official Australian Women's Tennis Team to be sent on tour since 1938, listen to words of tennis wisdom from Manager Adrian Quist at Melbourne where the team had gathered for some collective training before leaving for England where they will compete at Wimbledon and other tournaments. They are (left to right) Jennifer Slaley, Mary Carter, Beryl Penrose (the reigning Australian Women's Champion), and Fay Muller.—Central Press Photo.

EASTER SOFTBALL

PORTUGAL'S TEAMS WIN INTERNATIONAL TITLES

Portugal's Men and Women took the International Titles on Easter Sunday by defeating China's Men and Women teams 3-1 and 22-5 respectively. Anthony Guterres and Mira Almeida were the hero and heroine of the day. The former batted in the two winning runs for the Men's team and the latter connected four safeties out of five times at bat and five runs to her credit.

Comets trounced the Dukes 9-3 on Saturday to clinch the Junior Pennant behind Reggie Hamer's no hit superb pitching.

The Men's International final was the best game of this season as both sides played a very tight game with very few errors. It was also a pitching duel between Vic Pedruco and Jackie Wei as both yielded only five hits. The former whiffed four and walked two while the latter fanned three and passed four.

The Line-ups were: Portugal—Arturo Ozorio (2b), Carlu Yvanovich (1b), Junior Remedios (3b), Anthony Guterres (ss), Frankie Loureiro (cf), Cuscut Souza and Gerry Remedios (rf), Manuel Guterres (lf), Gussie Pereira (if), Vic Pedruco (p). China—Wally Ma (ss), C. M. Tsang (1b), L. P. Lam (rf), Y. S. Liang (3b), Y. K. Chan (2b), Raymond Tsao (cf), L. C. Poon (lf), P. H. Lee and Philip Hsu (cf), Jackie Wei (p).

China won the toss and took the field first. Arturo Ozorio was first passed and he slid in second safe when Wally Ma muffed the throw. Carlu Yvanovich was fanned and Junior Remedios's sacrifice hit advanced Arturo Ozorio to third.

Another wild pitch saw the veteran speedy Captain score the first run for the Portugal side when the catcher was still bobbling the ball. Anthony Guterres was passed but he was erased at second for the third out.

Wally Ma of China drew a walk and stole second, kicking up a shower dust. C. M. Tsang was whiffed and L. P. Lam popped. Y. S. Liang came up among the cheers and he unrelentingly slammed a timely one-baser to right which scored Wally Ma. Y. K. Chan next popped for the side down and the first inning ended at one all.

SECOND FRAME

In the second frame Portugal went out one, two, three. Raymond Tsao of China singled and C. M. Tsang doubled off. P. H. Lee's sacrifice grounded put Raymond Tsao on second, and he went to third on a wild pitch. Jackie Wei frustrated the effort by striking out himself.

Gussie Pereira opened the third for Portugal with a safe roller, and reached third safer after two down. But the last batter was fanned. China went out quickly too though C. M. Tsang bunted safe and reached second.

Portugal again went out three straight in the fourth but China came back fruitless though L. C. Poon singled and reached second on a steal.

Neither side made any advance and the fifth inning ended with the same 1-1 deadlock.

Portugal, however, forged forward in the sixth inning. Junior Remedios binged after two down, and Anthony lobbed the ball into the no-man's-land between the fielders for a safety and Junior Remedios crossed the plate.

Though Portugal was sent back without further crop, China went out one, two, three and now Portugal enjoyed a slim 2-1 lead.

Portugal added another run in the eighth by Carlu Yvanovich who got on after one down and stole second on a sacrifice fly. Slugger Anthony Guterres was again slamming hard for a homer. However, his bat cracked on the pounding and the ball fell just over the shortstop for a luck hit on which Carlu Yvanovich dashed home from the opposite end.

FUTILE ATTEMPT

China made a futile attempt in their turn and went out one, two, three in the last inning. Portugal at last regained International championship from China by 3-1.

Portugal Ladies retained the International Crown by trouncing China Ladies 22-5 in the morning as expected. Their 15-run fourth inning really ended all hopes for their opponents of staging a come-back.

The Line-ups were: PORTUGAL—Yolanda Silva (3b), Sheila Collico and Dina Pires (cf), Patsy McDonald (2b), Sheila Bernal-Silva (p), Irene Starkey (ss), Mira Almeida (c), Flavia Collico and Valerie Fernandes (rf), Angela D'Aquino (lf), Alex Mendonca and Cecilia Ozorio (lf), CHINA—L. S. Yim (lf), Helen Leung (c), Amy Cheng (ss), Madeline Gosling and C. H. Lee (1b), Margaret Lam (2b), S. M. Chi (cf), L. W. Chan and Stella Ph (rf), Goret Chan and Pearl Chan (3b), Y. C. Kwan (p).

China batted first and L. S. Yim drew first blood for her side in the opening canto. However, Portugal Ladies showed

India Beats HK 9-0 In Thomas Cup Zone Final

Bombay, Apr. 10.

Hongkong were humbled by India in the Asian Zone Final of the Thomas Cup badminton tournament which ended here today.

India won all nine matches to qualify to meet the United States in the Inter-Zone semi-final in Malaya next month.

Nandu Natekar, India's champion, gave his country a convincing 3-0 lead by defeating Pomeroy Jr., 15-3, 15-4 in the first match today.

Natekar was superior in all facets of the game but Ramon Young and Robert Tay did slightly better in their matches against Anril Lal Dewan and Parduman Singh Chawla.

Young began well to lead 3-1 against Dewan. The Indian, however, won the game, conceding two more points. In the second game Dewan led all the way to claim the match 15-7, 15-4.

Tay opened promisingly against Chawla with vigorous strokes and placements, but his stamina failed him and the match proved almost a walk-over for Chawla.

In the doubles Tay and Patrick Wong gained points through errors by Manoj Guha, who was partnered by Gajanan Hemnady. The score reached 8-8 but from then on the Indians showed their best form, scoring nine points in a row to win. In the second game, the Indians ran to a 9-1 lead and eventually won 15-3.

Natekar and R. A. Dongre appeared a little rattled by the hustling tactics of Pomeroy in another doubles match. The Hongkong pair levelled at 5-5 but their efforts petered out and the Indian pair went on to 15-9, 15-1. The second match occupied less than five minutes—Reuter.

Following were the results of matches played today: India's Nandu Natekar beat H. B. Pomeroy Jr., Hongkong, 15-2, 15-4 and 15-4. Nandu Guha and Gajanan Hemnady, India, beat Robert Tay and Patrick Wong, Hongkong, 15-3, 15-2. Anril Lal Dewan, India, beat Ramon Young, Hongkong, 15-7 and 15-4. Nandu Natekar and Ravindranath Dongre, India, beat Dr K. S. Low and J. S. Pomeroy Jr., Hongkong, 15-9.

Hutton Near A Record

Len Hutton needs only to captain England against South Africa in the summer, to set up a World Record. He has already equaled a 35-year-old English Test captaincy record of 22. Including the South African Tests, Hutton should reach 28. The previous best was 25 by Bill Woodfull of Australia.

The Professional Golfers' Association have given their blessing and £1,000 in prize money to a new tournament, the British Professional Closed Championship. It will be a 72-hole stroke event from July 22. The venue has yet to be arranged.

Chris Chataway, Britain's ace middle distance runner and former pace maker for Roger Bannister, is in great demand these days. Having recently returned from flying trips to South Africa and Canada, the Toronto Police Amateur Athletic Association want Chataway to run a mile in the annual Police Games at Toronto on July 28.

Arsenal, who normally carry one of the largest staffs in the Football League, are to cut their present strength of 48 by 12 or 13 at the end of the season. They are withdrawing from the Eastern Counties League, and will concentrate on grooming their youngsters in the London Mid-week League and in their youth side which was formed this year.

(London Express Service)

Wiser If Poorer

By HENRY LONGHURST

I have been gathering impressions, in which I am sure every golfer will take a lively and sympathetic interest, from some of the young professionals, in particular John Pritchett of Sunningdale, who have lately returned from their "hardening" tour in the United States. They played in eight tournaments on the "summer circuit," mostly in Texas and California, and returned much the wiser if none the richer. The other four were Peter Alliss, Tony Harman, Bernard Hunt and John Jacobs.

Their tale is a refreshing one—willingness on their part to learn and on the part of their hosts and golfing superiors to teach them all they could. The tournament professionals in the United States are pretty hard cases—they could not survive if they were not—but "anything they could do for us," said Pritchett, "was no trouble at all."

In Houston, Demaret, Burke, Mangrum, Mayfield and Barker gave them a dinner at the (seemingly Texas) "fabulous" Shamrock Hotel, where Don Cherry was to visit in May with the U.S. Walker Cup team, was crowding over the radio for his supper. Ed Lowery—who as a little boy of ten caddied for Francis Ouimet in the great play-off for the 1913 U.S. Open against Vardon and Ray—provided them with a car. They played in practice with the great Byron Nelson, and Ed Furgol, whose left arm was withered, ten inches shorter than his right, in an accident at the age of 11 and who last year won the U.S. Open, proved "a wonderful fellow."

What good news that he is to play in the British Open at St. Andrews!

NOT A LOT

Our young friends were sent by their respective sponsors with enough money to get them there and back—and, if they wanted anything better than fourth class while they were there, they had better win it for themselves. In such competition they did not win a lot, but on one splendid day Jacobs and his three amateur partners tied for second in a "pro-amateur" and the holder of their ticket in the sweep put 1,000 dollars into the common kitty. Incidentally the winners of this event were 22 under-par for the 36 holes.

They were present, too, at two notable performances—on when the diminutive Jerry Barber, needing a four for a 69, holed his second at the 18th for a 63; the other when Mike Soukhal

an ex-football star from Duke University—about whom an American friend had just previously written to me. "This lad should be no flash-in-the-pan if he takes care of himself"—won the San Antonio Open with a total of 257, or 31 under par, including one round of 60. Pritchett described the course as "about 6,400 yards...rubber mat tees...very narrow with woods on either side but, if you get away with your drives, a good many wedge shots for your second."

Soukhal was out in 33. His final nine holes really, I think, deserve to be put on record: 2 4 3 3 3 3 3 2 7.

MOST EXCITING

Most exciting location of their trip was the Thunderbird Club in the desert of California, where this year's Ryder Cup match is due to be played on Gary Fawkes Day.

The course is dead flat, about 6,500 yards, with big watered greens and, truly grown palm trees transplanted there only a year or two ago, together with another "fabulous" clubhouse surrounded by week-end cottages for the members.

Presiding genius is none other than Johnny Dawson, who made so many friends over here in the Amateur Championship of 1929.

Having quoted what some of these young professionals say for themselves about their trip, let me add that I have heard from more than one "unimpeachable source" that they left a very good impression behind them. In fact, congratulations to one and all.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Portugal's "B" team, beat Luxembourg by three goals to one after leading 2-0 at half-time in an International football match at the National Stadium here today.—Reuter.



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TODAY'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Easter Race will be continued today at the Valley and, given fine weather condition will again draw a large holiday crowd of racing fans.

The Sassoon Challenge Cup will form the main attraction in a programme of twelve events and keen racing should be the order of the day.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the first race starting at noon. The tiffin interval will follow the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

West End Handicap: One Mile.

The curtain rises with this event for Class 7 ponies. Judging from its last outing, No. 10, which will again be taken out by Mr. Botelho, will probably do better here and a win is quite possible.

Real opposition should come from Tip Top (Mr. C. L. Liu) which disappointed badly by running unplaced over six furlongs at the last meeting. It should not be neglected, however, as this pony was badly left when the gate went up. Timmer (Mr. C. A. Lee), V. L. P. (Mr. H. K. Chung), and Blossom Time (Mr. H. C. Woo) are three other contenders which should not be disregarded.

SECOND RACE

Clarence Handicap: 1 1/4-Miles.

Class 2 ponies will gather for this event and I strongly fancy Field Marshal (Mr. E. K. Tu) as the distance is well suited for this pony although it failed to gain a place the last time out. Rainbow (Mr. Wei) is, of course, the danger, and I expect to see it fighting out the finish.

Clontockle (Mr. Samarcq) is also in the race, judging from its third placing in the Shaikwan Handicap at the last meeting over the two-mile post. Fenchurch (Mr. Oliveira) is the best outsider.

THIRD RACE

Coronation Handicap: From 1 1/4-Mile Post.

In this sprint event for Class 7 ponies, I think the result will be decided between Fleetmaster (Mr. Samarcq), Invincible (Mr. H. K. Chung), Tune-Phone (Mr. C. A. Lee), and Festival View (Mr. Botelho). Fleetmaster is in splendid condition and if it should secure a good start it may win, while I expect to see Invincible offer a challenge.

Tune-Phone should not be disregarded as this pony is good over this distance. As an outsider, Festival View is worth following.

FOURTH RACE

Knutford Plate: One Mile.

This race is confined to 1955 ponies which have started in a race and which have not won \$1,500 in stakes. Weight 152 lbs. Ponies which have not won \$1,250 allowed 5 lbs.

Among the entries I like the chances of Five Gold (Mr. Yen Ching-lan). The pony is in fine condition at the moment and on that account alone it should win.

Amapola (Mr. Shih) was a disappointment at the last time out but may probably extend Five Gold as it has been showing improvement during morning gallops.

Jemima P. (Mr. Ostroff) and Amusement (Mr. S. V. Tang) are two other ponies

which can be relied upon to do well here.

FIFTH RACE

Rednaxela Handicap: One Mile.

A perusal of the entries in this race gives me the impression that one need not look further than Another Victory (Mr. Robert Tsai) to win, judging by its six furlongs run in the time of 1.24.3—last quarter, 28.2 seconds on April 7 during training.

However, in view of the track work of Good Girl (Mr. Samarcq) on Wednesday, April 6 over six furlongs in 1.27.4—last quarter 27.4 seconds—it will find strong support. Free Kick (Mr. Ostroff) also did well over the mile on April 6 and may be worth following for a place. For a long shot I suggest keeping Marine Charger (Mr. Starr Liu) in mind.

SIXTH RACE

Sassoon Challenge Cup: Six Furlongs.

Charleroi (Mr. C. L. Liu) looks to have the best chance of winning this race. Aviemore (Mr. Oliveira) may prove dangerous with Fire-glo (Mr. Kwok) also having a say in the matter. For those who are looking for an outsider, Straight Forward (Mr. Ostroff) is the one to follow.

SEVENTH RACE

Seymour Plate (First Section): From 2-Mile Post.

This is another event for 1955 ponies which have started in a race, and which have not won \$1,250 in stakes. Weight 147 lbs. Looking over the entries, I don't think there is much doubt but that Super-King (Mr. H. K. Chung), which was fourth in the Hopeful Stakes (Fourth Section) over the mile at the Annual Meeting should win. Spanish Fan (Mr. Chanson) should have no difficulty in taking second place. Full-of-Spirit (Mr. Shih) and Quick-silver (Mr. Wei) will battle out the third position.

EIGHTH RACE

Alvaston Handicap: From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

Confined to Class 2 ponies, it will be no easy task to pick the winner of this race as several good ponies are included here. The distance is to its liking. Potentially it is also in this race if it starts well, as it was half a length behind Beat That, the winner in the Pokfulam Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting. Star-glo should be placed and Ambition may be worth following as an outsider.

NINTH RACE

Bute Handicap: One Mile.

This event is confined to Class 4 ponies. Judging from its last outing when it came second in the Mount Davis Handicap over

1 1/4 Miles at the 8th Race Meeting with Mr. Tsai up, Barbarian, which will again be his mount, seems to be the best bet for a win. The strongest opposition will come from Beautiful Phoenix (Mr. H. K. Hung), although it was unplaced the last time out from the 1 1/4-Mile Post. Then there is Tanager (Mr. H. K. Chung) to be considered as this pony is quite reliable over this distance. Supreme Command (Mr. Botelho) is also dangerous and should not be overlooked.

TENTH RACE

Breezy Handicap: From 1 1/2-Mile Post.

This sprint event will be contested by Class 5 ponies. In spite of its defeat at the last Meeting, I fancy the chances of Fighting Spirit (Mr. Shih), as this pony is fast over this distance. Hiram C. (Mr. Rendrow) will carry 159 lbs. in view of the opposition, it may have a say here this afternoon. Prince Dahlia (Mr. H. K. Hung) looks dangerous and Silver Dahlia (Mr. E. Wong) may yet spring a surprise as this pony is undoubtedly good.

ELEVENTH RACE

Albion Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 4 ponies. Looking over the entries, it would appear that How Do I Know (Mr. C. L. Liu) is the logical choice for first place. Spinning Wheel (Mr. Chung) has shown improvement during morning gallop and it should be very near at the finish. Then there is Same Again (Mr. Plumby), which is also a danger here as it is good enough to cause an upset. Citation (Mr. H. K. Hung) should also be kept in mind as it is quite capable of extending the above mentioned ponies.

TWELTH RACE

Seymour Plate (Second Section): From 2-Mile Post.

This is the final event of the Easter Meeting and among the ponies entered, Gladie (Mr. Oliveira), So Nice (Mr. Plumby), Brantome (Mr. Samarcq) and Resurrection (Mr. C. L. Liu) are undoubtedly the best. Gladie is probably a little better than the others in view of its fine form at the moment during morning gallops, should have no difficulty in accounting for this race.

So Nice is not bad over this distance and will be in the running, but may find strong opposition from Brantome. Resurrection is good, but I am afraid it is not good enough in this field.



Len Hutton

Trouble? Not This Year Says 'Silent' Lester

By THE SCOUT

Nineteen-year-old Lester could be described as the most silent of all our front-line riders.

Perhaps the newspaper headlines over the last five years have expressed all there is to say about his fantastic success story, with its many sharp ups and downs.

But Lester himself, although he keeps all his cuttings pasted neatly into scrap-books, is in the one-syllable class as a conversationalist.

He has little time for small talk. In the dressing-rooms before a race most of the other jockeys will be chatting gaily, "kidding" each other, perhaps indulging in a mock scrap.

This serious-faced boy, who has found himself, to his surprise, the centre-piece of so much racing drama, sits quietly apart.

He is handicapped, in the same way as Eph Smith, by poor hearing.

That coupled with his brevity as a speaker, has been partly responsible for his official "black" record.

This young genius on horseback has at times been unable to argue his case fluently when involved in trouble.

"Won't have any more of that this year," he prophesied as he sat in the living-room of his parents' Lambourn home.

HURDLES-RIDING

Lester cut out his hurdles-riding programme after a fall at

Newbury in December. "It wouldn't have been fair to Mr. Murrells to have gone on riding," he said.

So he went holiday-making to Switzerland, did not like it, and returned home within the week.

One factor, above all others, makes him a live contender for the championship—his weight. "Eight stone 4lb.—probably do 8st. 2lb.," he announced.

About his prospects for 1955: "I don't know enough yet about Mr. Murrells' horses to say."

The best horse he has ever ridden? Strangely, despite winning the 1954 Derby on Never Say Die, he places Zuchero first.

That was the wayward, incalculable colt which Piggett helped to make and in return helped to establish his boy-rider on the pinnacle of fame.

(London Express Service)

Now It's "Good Old Len. Give Him A Knighthood" Say English Cricketers

Midsummer sun drenched the Brisbane cricket ground. Into its glare Len Hutton led England's cricket team for the first Test of the Australian tour.

For a change Hutton had won the toss. He put Australia in. Australia piled up 601 runs. England replied with 190 and 257.

A crash at the first hurdle. The Ashes so grimly gained the previous year seemed lost. Few hesitated to say so.

Last week, that same England team, skippered by Hutton, played the last match of the tour. It was against New Zealand. England shot the home side out for 26, the lowest score ever in a Test, and won their fifth Test in five months.

Five months in which England's cricket stock has jumped, and with it Hutton's.

Now it is "Good Old Len. Give him a knighthood."

Hutton is used to bobbing up and down in the popularity stakes.

"Magnificent leadership," was the 1953 verdict after he had led England to Ashes victory for the first time in 21 years.

"Welcome back to a hero," said the headlines when he returned for the West Indies.

And now, "Why not Sir Len?"

In between, just about everything in cricket has explained where he went wrong in losing those first two Tests in the West Indies: how he slipped up in only drawing the series against Pakistan; and how even the recent Australian successes could have been better organised.

He has been the centre of controversy. In 1953 the question of whether or not he should lead England split cricket in two.

Yet, throughout, Hutton has remained the quiet-spoken son of Yorkshire who just lives for cricket. He has kept his feelings to himself, let others do the talking and got on with the job.

As a batsman, of course, Hutton is an immortal. He made sure of that on that

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB EASTER RACE MEETING

Saturday 9th & Monday 11th April, 1955

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 24 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon on both days. The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1955 SETS OF MEMBERS' BADGES AND LADIES' BROOCHES NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

There will be no Cash Sweep on the Twelfth Race of the Second Day.

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$46.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Agular Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the first day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. \$3 tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meeting, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 7th April, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription list without stating reasons for their action.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th April, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

The sale of these tickets will close on Friday 8th April at— 282, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 4.00 p.m. 5, D'Agular Street at 5.00 p.m. Queen's Building (Chater Road) at 8.00 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards

H. MISA, Secretary.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

Good Queen Bette Of New England

Hollywood.

"I often look 47," said Bette Davis who is in fact 47 years young, "in private life as well as on the screen. But I don't feel 47—yet."

We were chatting together in her suite at the Bel Air Hotel here. Absent from Hollywood for three years, primarily owing to illness, she has returned to the film capital to portray, again, Queen Elizabeth—to Richard Todd's "Sir Walter Raleigh."

"I do like the role. You know, Michael, that I played the Queen previously in 'Elizabeth and Essex.' She was 60," said the actress. "This time I'm playing her about my own age, between 45 and 50, and I don't expect to portray her again."

She took a cigarette, lit it with a quick, nervous gesture and paced the sitting-room.

"I'll wear a red wig, flatten this down," indicating her short bob, "wear tight corsets to pull this in," hands at her waist. It's by no means comfortable role. I lost 12 pounds when I last played Queen Elizabeth."

What would she like to do now, well again, free again?

"I would like to come to Hollywood to do one film a year, but I should not like to devote all my time to movies or the stage, or even television."

Television? I think it is a wonderful medium for the young, the talented and the ambitious, but not for me.

"It is just too rigorous, too demanding. Gary, my husband, has done a great deal of television and he comes home exhausted."

"I found the theatre delightful when I went back to Broadway in October, 1952, after an absence of—I think—22 years. But it is exciting and demanding."

Actually, Gary and I have two stories on which we are working. We hope to produce one of them

next year. Oh, yes, we shall co-star."

She suddenly caught me by the arm. "Come here and see where we live now. You out here in California, think New England is a sort of bleak wilderness. I have a passion for living in New England. I was born and brought up in New England. My roots are there. The same with Gary. Here."

She showed a large photograph of a magnificent country house set around with vast lawns and great trees beyond.

NINTH ACADEMY AWARD

A quick review of the past four years of Bette Davis's life reveals that she did "All About Eve," appeared briefly in "Phone Call From a Stranger" with husband, Gary Merrill, whom she married in 1950, and then filmed "The Star" for which she got her ninth Academy Award nomination.

"Then I decided to return to the theatre in a complete switch. In a revue, 'Two's Company,' as a clever writer said, 'Bette Davis turns from Buskin to Bump.' I had to leave the show, due to an infected jaw which was discovered after the extraction of a wisdom tooth. I had a bad time with it and had to rest for months."

She had made a great recovery and today seems just as vital as she was 20 years ago when I first met her. She is just as handsome, decidedly plumper, has wide hips, less of

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed).....

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BANK OF ENGLAND ADVICE TO TREASURY

Early Election Date
Announcement
Or Lose Millions

From Paul Einzing

London, Apr. 10.

It now seems certain that the leaders of the Conservative Party have decided in favour of an early general election. And there is reason to believe that their decision was largely influenced by expert advice given by the Bank of England to the Treasury emphasising the need for reducing the period of suspense that is bound to continue until the election results become known.

For even though the chances seem to favour the Government they do not favour it sufficiently distinctly to rule out the possibility of a Socialist victory.

NEW YORK
STOCK
MARKET
REVIEWBy Joseph
W. Michalski

New York, Apr. 10.—Railroad shares moved to new high ground in almost 25 years on the stock market this week.

Gains in the rails ranged to more than 2 points. Industrials also met demand. They finished the week less than 2 points from their all-time highs. The rise on the week added more than \$1,500,000,000 in valuations to the list.

The market advanced in three of the four trading sessions this week. On Monday, prices receded slightly under some mild profit-taking.

The list made its best showing on Friday when the rails snapped out of their current lethargy, the demand for carriers helped other departments.

As measured by the averages, the industrial closed with a gain of 4.28 to 418.20; the rails moved up 3.35 to 154.42; and the utilities were down 0.13 to 63.78. The general market average was up 1.80 to 156.15.

Market news was generally on the quiet side. A few individual issues were bolstered by favourable corporate developments.

FEW BACKWARD
On the New York Stock Exchange, a few recent strong rallies were backward.

Dynamics, the first builder of an atomic submarine, ran into some profit-taking. It was down 5 1/2 points to \$70 1/2. Both Iron Works, a recent strong stock on reports that it was going to build an atomic destroyer, later denied by the Navy Department, slumped 4 points to \$37 1/2. Balc, a stock of 188 issues and 32 made new lows.

Santa Fe was the bellwether in the carriers. It finished the week with a gain of 2 points to \$143.

Bethlehem Steel was the star performer in its group with an improvement of 3 1/2 points to \$136 1/2. Oil shares were generally steady.

Of the 1,421 issues traded last week, 788 closed higher, 459 moved lower and 168 held unchanged. New highs were registered by 188 issues and 32 made new lows.

Peruvian Ore For Europe
Lima, Apr. 10.—Peru is campaigning to sell its iron ore at the European market, so as to balance a recent decrease in exports to the United States.

Within the next few days, the first Peruvian iron cargo is due in a west German port, on board a ship that sailed from the port of San Juan. This mineral comes from the rich Marcona fields and it is proved satisfactory. It will flow into Germany, France and Britain as soon as negotiations through the Marcona Mining Co., in San Francisco, California, are completed. —United Press.

Such a possibility is bound to remain very much in the minds of those people whose attitude is liable to influence the tendency of sterling. That is why the Bank of England, charged with the guardianship of sterling, is gravely concerned about the effects of prolonged uncertainty.

The view is held that the longer the suspense continues the more gold the Treasury is likely to lose between now and polling day.

There are three distinct ways in which sterling is exposed to adverse pressure as a result of fears of the advent of a Socialist government.

POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE
In the first place it is politically impossible for any government to adopt unpopular measures on the eve of a general election even if such measures are necessary for the defence of sterling. It is true that the bank rate was raised in March to 4 1/2 per cent. But there was no drastic "credit squeeze." Indeed, the amount of bank loans actually increased in March some £25 million. Yet in existing conditions of inflated consumer demand at home reduction in credit facilities is an evil that is necessary for the strengthening of sterling.

The sooner the Government—either the present one or the succeeding government is in a position to adopt the unpopular measures the better. The longer these measures are deferred the more difficult will be the task for the government in office after the election.

PROLONGED FEARS
Moreover, prolonged fears of a Socialist government are likely to induce many foreign holders of "transferable" sterling to sell out their holdings.

At the beginning of March Mr. Butler instructed the Bank of England to support the rates of transferable sterling in the New York market. As a result of such official operations the rates have appreciated.

Speakers of the Labour Party repeatedly expressed their disapproval of this policy. It is reasonable to assume that should Mr. Cripps become one more the Chancellor of the Exchequer in a Labour government he would discontinue it. This might mean that transferable sterling would depreciate. Many holders are likely to be inclined there-fore to be on the safe side by selling their transferable sterling while the going is good.

WOULD COST MILLIONS
In order to prevent a sharp fall of the rate the Bank of England will have to spend many millions of dollars in supporting operations.

Last but by no means least foreign importers of British and sterling area goods may want to defer their purchases until after the general election for fear that in case of a Socialist victory sterling would depreciate.

A depreciation of sterling would mean that it would cost less dollars to buy the same British goods. Any firm which bought its British goods before the depreciation would in that case find itself at a disadvantage in competition with its rival who bought the same goods much cheaper after the depreciation.

1949 EFFECT
In 1949 when a depreciation of sterling was anticipated this consideration induced many foreign importers to cancel their orders or at any rate to defer payment for the goods in the hope that less dollars or other foreign currency would eventually be needed for making the same sterling payments.

Should this experience repeat itself it would mean that the balance of payments would go very much against this country and the sterling area between now and the general election.

If the interval is too short the damage cannot be too heavy. But if it is six months or more the Treasury is liable to lose substantial amounts of gold.

VIEWERS WITH CONCERN
It is therefore no wonder the Bank of England views with concern the prospect of a prolonged suspense. This is not a party matter.

Should the general election bring a Socialist government it would not be to the advantage of that government or of the country to be left with a depleted gold reserve. It is of interest to all concerned to cut short the period of uncertainty.

Quite possibly if the suspense were prolonged by the autumn by that time conditions would deteriorate to such an extent that drastic measures would be necessary. To a large degree this could be avoided by arranging for a general election for the earliest possible date. The sooner it is out of the way the better for all concerned. Hence the decision in favour of an early election.

The Bank Of England
Statement

London, Apr. 10.—The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 6, read as follows:

Notes in circulation	1,722,740,221
Public deposits	15,802,615
Private deposits	338,071,242
Government securities	328,441,677
Other securities	58,212,912
Receipts	29,021,653
Ratio	6.1

—United Press.

The Bank Of France
Statement

Paris, Apr. 10.—The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 31, reads as follows:

Total gold holding	201,251,501.126
Gold coins	11,542,896.000
Gold bullion	189,708,605.126
Advanced to Govt.	83,201,479.465
Stable fund	126,000,000.000
Total bills discounted	1,171,537,128.870
Bank note in circulation	2,583,754,127.155
Current accounts and deposits	122,740,567,735

—United Press.

Settlement Day
Bargains

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 10.

The predominating influence on the London stock markets throughout the week was the growing optimism about the Conservative chances in the general election engendered by the strengthened position which emerged from the county council elections. Its bolstering effect balanced the quietness due to the absence of the national newspapers for the second successive week.

This was manifest as the increase in buying on Tuesday, settlement day bargains marked were 8,750 against 7,583 seven days earlier.

The end of the week, however, saw a tendency to take profits and buyers were holding off.

The gilt-edged business was routine with sterling very firm though it is too early to estimate the effects of the Chancellor Butler's measures on the balance of trade.

Nationalised steels reflected most sharply the growing con-

Record Mexican
Cotton Crop

Washington, Apr. 10.—An all-time record cotton crop, perhaps exceeding 2,000,000 bales, is in prospect for Mexico this year, the Agriculture Department reported today. That would represent a substantial increase over Mexico 1954-55 crop of 1,780,000 bales. In turn, that was double the previous year.—United Press.

N.Y. COTTON
MARKET
REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Apr. 10.

Cotton prices pulled in opposite directions this week with new crop months continued to lose headway.

At Thursday's close the list ruled 8 points higher to 30 points lower, or up 40 cents to off \$1.50 a bale compared with the preceding week.

A good start of the interest was given to pre-holiday evening-up and adjustments in the May delivery as traders looked ahead to first notice day. The open contracts in May approximated 860,000 bales as the week closed.

Resistance developed around the 30 1/2 cent level for spot May, reflecting buying credited to textile mills, shippers and spot firms, the latter against sales of the new crop months, presumably to transfer hedge positions forward.

UPPERMOST INTEREST

But uppermost interest continued to centre on the question of an export subsidy for the new crop cotton. While foreign interests kept pressing Washington for a clarification of its position on a subsidy, domestic trade sources understood Washington official circles declined a belief that the use of subsidies to stimulate lagging export sales of raw cotton would not violate reciprocal trade agreements with other nations.

London dispatches said textile trade uncertainty over the subsidy question existed not only in Britain, but elsewhere in the artificial reduction in the US price of cotton.

Some buying was influenced by rumours of discussions between merchants, mills and Government officials, seeking the release of Government-owned cotton of needed quality in exchange, if it could be arranged, would diminish tenders on the futures contract and strengthen that market which has lagged behind values in the spot market.—United Press.

Rubber Exports

Singapore, Apr. 10.—Exports of rubber from Singapore to all countries during the month of March, 1955, amounted to 93,374 tons, according to preliminary statistics issued here.—France-Press.

Oil Companies Must
Find £50,000 Million
Over Next 20 Years

By SYDNEY GAMPELL

Mr. Gampell, the well-known financial writer in this article answers in detail many of the complicated aspects of the oil industry, and how it is financed. Another article on the subject appeared in the China Mail (page 8) last Wednesday.

London, Apr. 10.

One thing overrides the current controversy about oil company profits. Over the next twenty years or so the world oil industry, at a very conservative estimate, will have to find something like £50,000 million for capital expenditure, and the only place from which it can be found is retained profits. There are no capital markets in the world that can provide that kind of money.

If, for example, Royal Dutch makes its renowned rights issue (an issue of new shares to present holders at something below the current market price) the purpose will be to broaden the capital structure rather than to raise new money. The amount of cash that can be raised in that or similar ways is a drop in the bucket of what is needed. Britain's £1,200 million railway programme, involving 80 million a year, is chicken-feed in comparison with the capital needs of world oil.

World demand for energy has risen about 2-1/3 times over the past thirty years. As production of coal has risen only slightly, oil has been required to meet most of the increase, so that oil consumption in the free world is already well in excess of 500 million tons a year.

Over the next twenty years or so the world demand for energy is expected to rise still faster. With coal production static or stagnant, oil may have to provide an even bigger share of the total increase. At some date in the future, energy may replace the "fossil fuel" of coal and oil, but over the next twenty years there is no reasonable prospect that it can do more than relieve the prospective over-demand for oil.

US COSTS HIGHER
Marketing an extra ton of oil in the UK has been estimated to cost £45 million. The cost of up to £40. On that basis, the additional 800 million tons of world demand in say 1975 will have involved a capital expenditure of £24,000 million. Costs in the US are higher than in the UK's sources, and in any case the £24,000 million is only one element. Almost the whole of the capacity now existing, and some of the capacity to be created during the next twenty years, will also have required replacement by 1975, much of it will have required replacement more than once.

Since the war the industry's worldwide capital expenditure has been well over £12,000 million, and accelerating from year to year. In 1954 the US oil industry's capital expenditure equalled £1,850 million, which implies about £2,500 million for the free world including the US.

By and large, if the scope of the whole industry has to double, then that annual capital investment of £2,500 million will have to double too—to say £5,000 million before allowing for any further rise in costs. It is to be hoped that the upturn in costs will slow down. But considering the secular inflation caused by the worldwide political demand for full employment, only a very daring or very reckless man would expect it to stop completely or to reverse.

NO STOP-GO METHODS
Substantially, the money has to be found year in year out. To maintain reserves and supplies, expenditure has to be met out of current earnings whatever the short-term supply-demand situation may be. When the market is closely balanced and profits are high, it is easier when temporary over-supply reduces profits it is harder. But it has to be done more or less consistently; it cannot be done by stop-go methods.

Trying it on for size, in 1951-53 capital expenditure by the two major non-US oil companies, the Royal Dutch-Shell group and British Petroleum, was about £750 million. That was equivalent to 24 per cent of total gross investment by all UK-registered companies in the period. Allowing that the Royal Dutch adds £200 million

Private
Investment
Inadequate

Paris, Apr. 10.

Private investment in some British and French overseas territories remains inadequate, the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) said in a report today.

A survey by the organisation found substantial local capital had been forthcoming in the most rapidly developing territories such as the Belgian Congo and British Central Africa. But generally there was no great influx of American capital or parent nations.

The survey said the obstacle in the way of more rapid expansion was not merely financial in character. Some attempts to speed up economic development had encountered setbacks because sufficient allowance was not made for natural technical or sociological difficulties. The overseas territories had their own difficulties or attempts to end their dependence on demand for one or two export products. "In many cases these are considerable and not amenable to modern technology."

The survey noted that industrialisation was especially urgent in areas where the population was growing too rapidly for all the additional labour to be absorbed by agriculture.

It found prospects generally favourable for an expansion of exports from overseas territories in the immediate future, though in the case of certain products, such as cotton and vegetable oils, stocks held by the United States change this picture.—China Mail Special.

Aust.-CAF
Trade Talks
Soon

Salisbury, Apr. 11.

Talks will begin soon between representatives of the Australian Government and the Government of the Central African Federation on a trade agreement between the two countries.

A trade agreement at present exists between Australia and Southern Rhodesia, one of the Federal States. But it will automatically lapse on July 1, when the new Federal Customs tariffs come into operation.

The Federal Government is at present negotiating a trade agreement with South Africa, the Federation's southern neighbour.

Mr. Peter Knight, Australian Trade Commissioner in Salisbury, said in an interview that talks with Australia were not likely to begin until the new agreement with South Africa had been concluded. Australia's principal imports from Central Africa are tobacco and asbestos. Her principal exports to Central Africa are wheat and preserved milk, though there is also a market for builder's hardware, sports equipment and agricultural machinery.—China Mail Special.

TIN STOCKS

Singapore, Apr. 10.

Stocks of tin metal and tin concentrates in Singapore and Malaya at the end of February amounted to 8,707 tons—148 tons less than at the end of January, according to official statistics released.

Production of tin concentrates during the month of February totalled 4,792 tons.—France-Press.

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SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

It Would Be Billy Bunter's Paradise

The name Cadby Hall carries with it the faint suggestion of a rugged, 19th-century school somewhere in Yorkshire, of the kind Dickens wrote about. Yet Cadby Hall is in fact 30 acres of factory in Kensington, the largest food production plant in Britain, and centre-piece of the world's largest food and catering industry—J. Lyons and Co.

Every day... 20 miles of swiss roll and 3,000,000 ice-creams

By JOHN WATERMAN

Success came immediately—catering for the Glasgow Exhibition and the Great Fair in Paris. Soon the first tea-shop was opened in Piccadilly.

300 teasops

One man's idea

And the only possible connection with a school of any kind is that it is a Billy Bunter's paradise. Here, 9,000 employees turn out every day 20 miles of swiss roll and three million portions of ice-cream: every week they produce 1½ million pounds of bread, and seven million small cakes and buns; and every year 12 million pre-cooked frozen meals.

These fabulous statistics are the ultimate result of a single simple idea—and simple dilemma—of a Mr Montague Gluckstein, back in 1887.

Mr Gluckstein was a partner and traveller in the London tobacco firm of Salmon and Gluckstein. Going round the country he found it difficult getting light refreshment except in a licensed house. Why not, he thought, go into the catering business himself?

He put his idea to his partners, brother Isidore, and brother-in-law Barnett Salmon. They agreed on the venture—but did not want it to bear their names because of the tobacco business. So an acquaintance, Joseph Lyons, agreed to give his name to the new company.

Today there are nearly 300 teasops, four Corner Houses, and the Trocadero. Lyons's assets total nearly £30 million. And today, although J. Lyons gave his name to become world-famous, there is no longer a Lyons in the company.

But on the board of 21 directors there are six Salmons and six Glucksteins, all of whom started their way up by training in the kitchens of the Trocadero. With the catering grew the food factories to supply the teasops and restaurants, and also a huge retail trade.

At Greenford, Middlesex, is the world's largest tea-packaging plant which also produces pure and instant coffee drinks and confectionery.

Cadby Hall, Kensington, today is the linchpin in the Lyons empire, applying the conveyor-belt technique to mass food production.

The whole idea seems quite remote from the mixing-bowl and wooden-spoon method of the housewife's kitchen. But Lyons's swiss-roll production is really the kitchen principle applied on a vast scale. A burly equivalent of the housewife is Henry Redman, who, white-coated, is on the beginning of the swiss-roll pro-

duction line. After tins of frozen eggs, flour, sugar and fats have been tipped into a three-foot wide mixing vat, Redman kneads the amber-coloured mixture. Then it joins the conveyer-belt.

This is the start of the journey as part of Lyons's 20 miles of swiss roll a day—perhaps the most titillating statistic of all at Cadby Hall. On the belt it goes through a 70-ft. oven at 500 degs. Fahrenheit, and a few minutes later emerges at the other end as an appetising golden-brown sponge.

Then, like a great eatable escalator the swiss roll disappears to the next floor to be cut, the jam to be spread by girls, and to be rolled and packed. The process goes on for 24 hours continuously, with only three breaks of 15 minutes each throughout the day.

For aeroplanes

Newest development at Cadby Hall is frozen—frozen food. Meals are cooked, then deep-frozen and packed ready to be heated and served straight on to the plate. This process was pioneered during the war.

Now, besides supplying the 300 teasops, a great deal is sold on the retail market, and, also, packs are made up for airlines, the railways, and ocean liners.

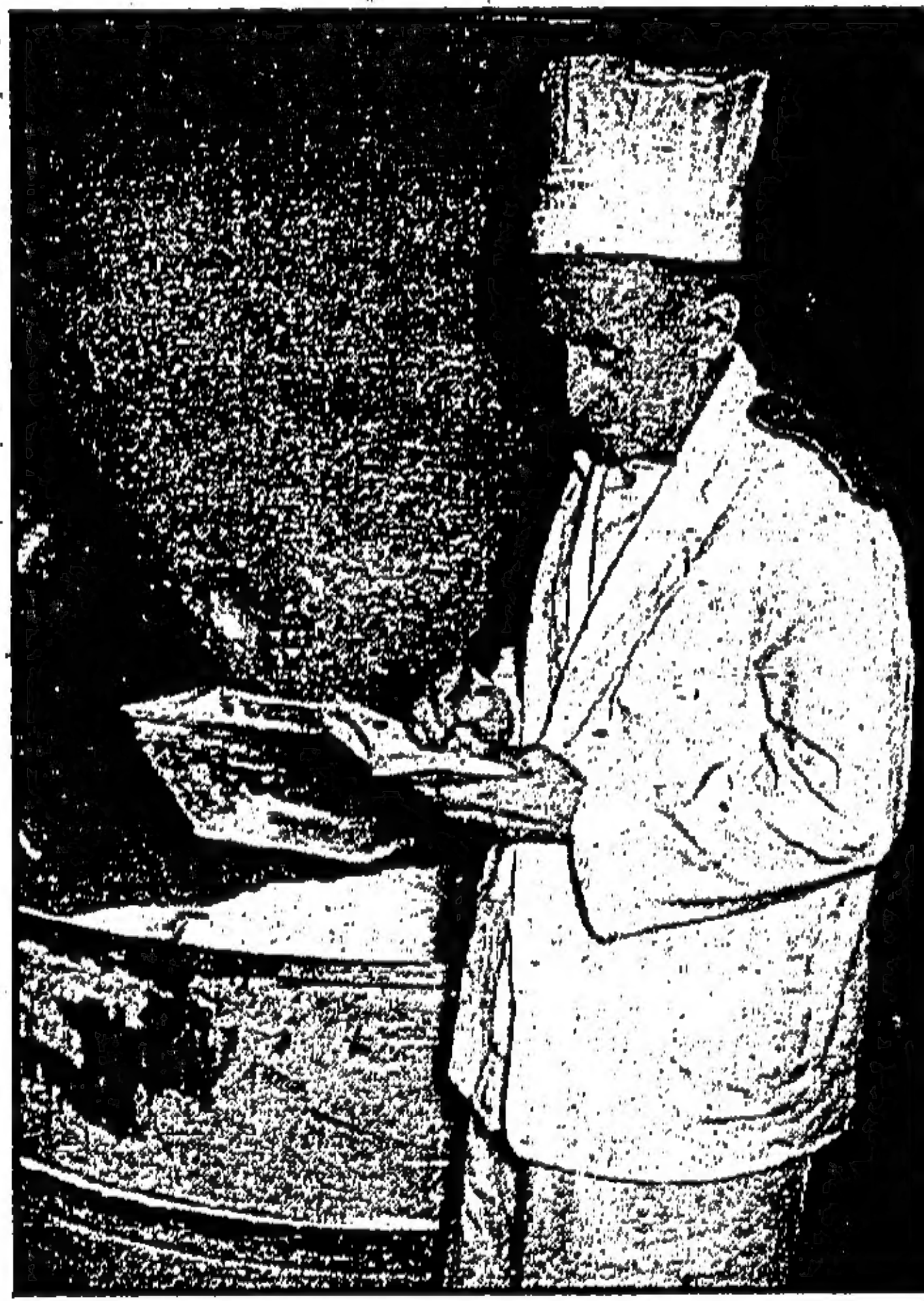
In the Entree Kitchen expert chefs are grilling chops, fillets of sole, escalopes of veal, that in a minute or so will go down to the deep freezer—and weeks hence will be eaten by airline passengers.

One of the cooks, Mr Bruce Eastman, who started in one of the Lyons restaurants, is tending the chops. He handles nearly



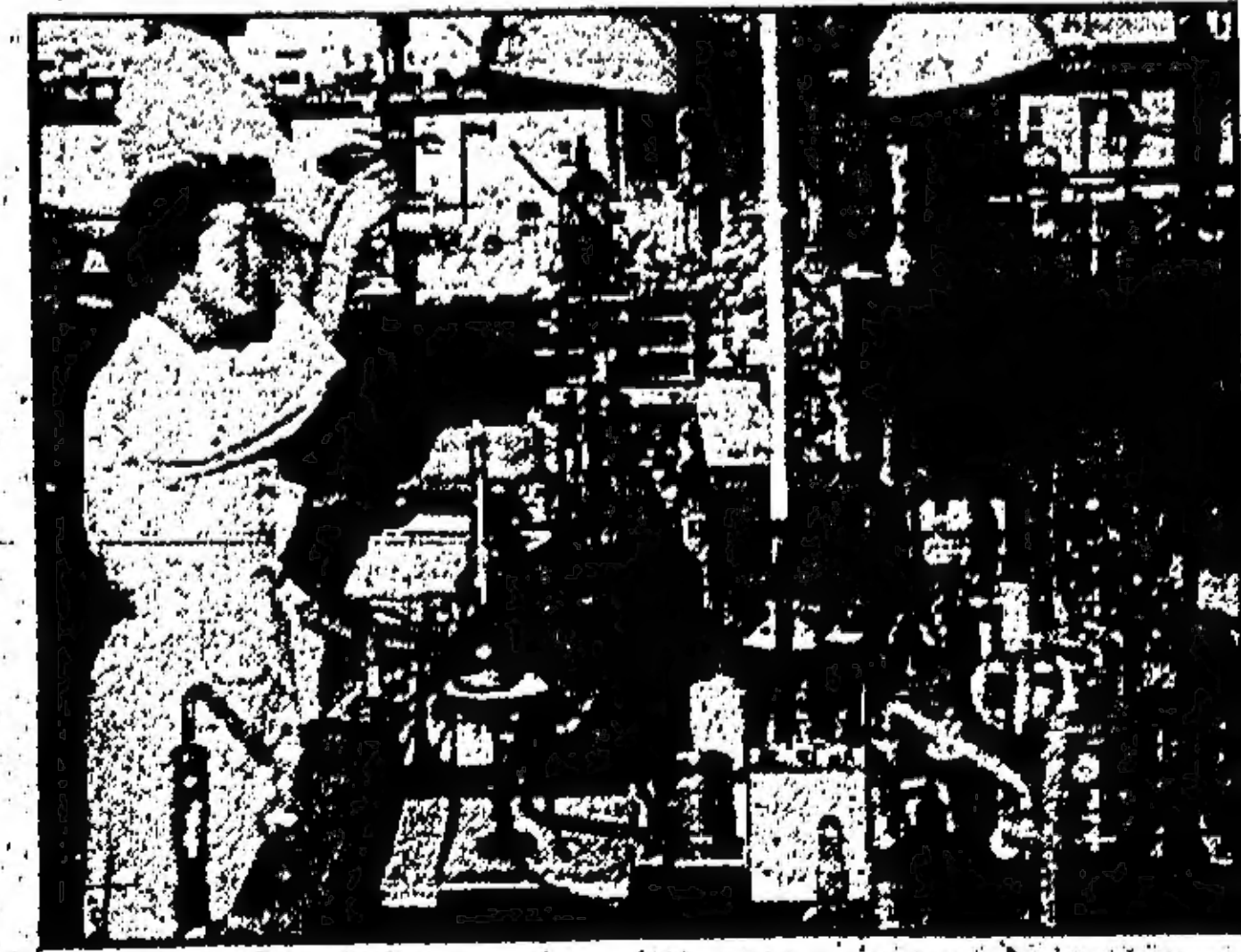
DEEP-FREEZE

Mr Jack Whitley, of Marglebone, wears arctic clothing as he works in the deep-freeze at a temperature of minus four degrees Fahrenheit. He carries a tray of pre-cooked shepherd's pies, which have been frozen and will be despatched to Lyons's teasops.



DEEP THOUGHT

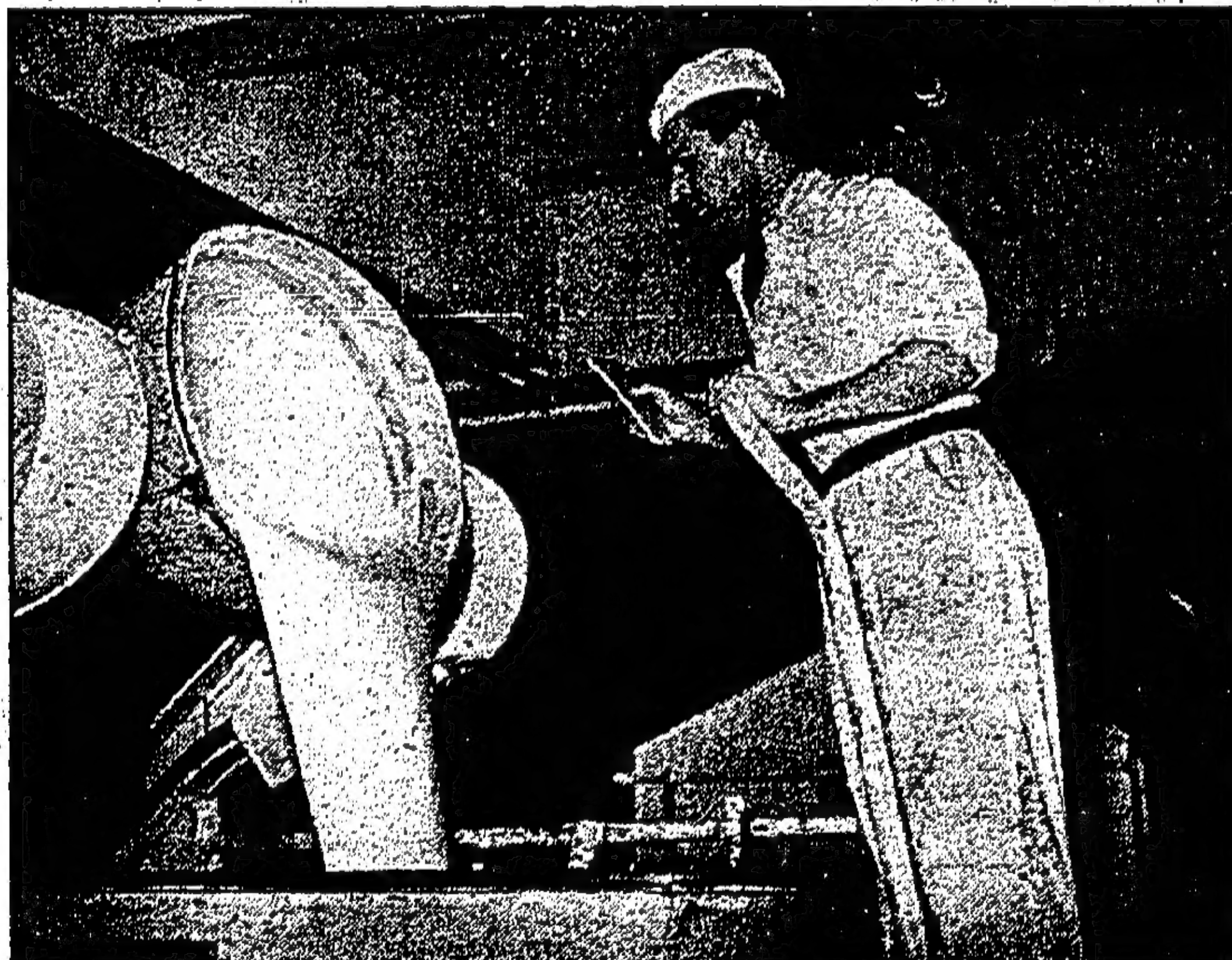
Foreman dough maker, 57-year-old Charles Hazelwood, keeps a careful check on each batch of dough as it is turned out of the mixer. He has worked in Lyons's bakeries for 35 years.



The food scientist

Carrying out tests on oils and fats in the Cadby Hall laboratory, 21-year-old Cambridge graduate Miss Lesley Dent, of Grimsby, inspects a test-tube. In Lyons's food laboratories work 200 scientists, chemists and assistants. Besides testing the purity of all Lyons's products, they carry out extensive research.

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THE, LONG LONG ROLL

The mixture that will become part of Lyons's 20 miles of swiss roll a day is poured out mechanically to begin its journey through the oven. 32-year-old Victor Warless, a Pole, who has just mixed the eggs in, looks on.

4,000 a day in the salamanders—four-foot long grills. In another room 6,000lb. of cooked chicken and birds are daily dismembered and sent for freezing.

In the deep-freezer work men like 32-year-old Jack Whitley. He has worked there for six years in a temperature of minus four degrees Fahrenheit. He wears a leather helmet, thick gloves, boots and corduroy suit.

Cold? Never!

"You soon get acclimatised to the work," says Whitley—and there is even an odd advantage about handling food in the cold-room—workers there hardly ever catch cold.

Another section of Cadby Hall where arctic clothing is worn is in the refrigerating section of the ice-cream plant. A large part of Cadby Hall output is represented by ice-cream. More than 1,000 people work here.

To 40-year-old Mr Harry Benson, manager of the section, ice-cream is a life's work and study. He has been involved with it for Lyons for 18 years. For him, ice-cream making on the big scale also has its problems. One of the biggest, says Mr Benson, is keeping equipment sterile.

After being mixed, the ice-cream goes through stainless steel pipes to be frozen, then along conveyer belts, to be coated with chocolate in the case of chocolate, wrapped and packed into cartons by girls like 18-year-old Anne Crawford, who handles several thousand chocolates a day—and admits she still likes them.

Another big Cadby Hall operation is bread-baking. Flour is hopped through into mechanical mixers to be made into dough. One of these is a massive high-speed dough mixer. Driven by a 30 horsepower motor it mixes 800lb. of dough in 4½ minutes.

Foreman dough-maker, 57-year-old Charles Hazelwood, in white hat and coat looks on, and when the dough is ejected into a bowl, tests it for consistency and temperature.

Several floors down from the bread section comes the great contrast of Cadby Hall. In a corner work seven men who have nothing to do with mass production whatsoever. In a world of conveyer belts, they are the survivors from an age of hand craftsmanship. These are the men who ornament wedding cakes, factory.

christening cakes and Christmas cakes. In charge is 50-year-old, mountaineer six-footer, Frank Jacobs. He is Lyons's chief cake ornament. He has been 28 years in the bakeries, and to him fell the task of designing the 6ft-high, three-tier cake for the Queen's—then Princess Elizabeth—wedding.

With great pride he shows a colour photograph of it. It was the biggest he had ever designed, and weighed 150lb, decorated with a blue wedgwood design.

But that is not the only royal cake Jacobs has been concerned with. He also designed the cakes for the Duchess of Kent's and the Duchess of Gloucester's weddings—and Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

This was a thirty-pound cake with pink icing, decorated with roses and thistles. "A beautiful cake," says Jacobs. This he took personally to Balmoral and presented it to Princess Margaret. And the comment of this craftsman in the biggest mass-production food plant in Britain? "I am lucky," he says. "I think I've got the best job in the factory."



THE MAN WHO MADE THE QUEEN'S CAKE

Chief cake ornament, Frank Jacobs, puts the finishing touch to a wedding cake. Mr Jacobs's biggest job was designing the 150lb. three-tier cake for the Queen's wedding.



They cook 4,000 chops

Cooks William Bradley (left) and Bruce Eastman prepare 400 chops for grilling. 4,000 a day are cooked. These will be frozen and packed for despatch to airlines.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

DAVID'S DARE

TALK between David and his friends had turned to shoplifting. It was, at first, a purely academic discussion, for those taking part were all strangers to crime. But, as time wore on, and the men warmed to their arguments and theories, honour became involved.

To his amazement, David found himself saying, the Welsh lilt in his voice lending force to his words, "I tell you, man, shoplifting's a piece of cake, for anyone who's a mind to do it."

"You'd never have the nerve to do it, David boy," someone said.

"Because I'm not a thief."

ALL SHOW YOU

"BECAUSE you wouldn't dare."

The gambler was down. David picked it up. "Oh, go I'd not care, eh?" he said. "Well, I would, too. I'll show you. I'm off work tomorrow. I'll show you any fool can steal from a store."

"Bet you..." someone else said, and mentioned a sum. "Bet you that much you don't."

"Done," David cried.

He awoke next morning at his home, and stretched and thought how fine a thing it was to have a day's holiday. He began to plan how he should spend the long, delightful, idle hours.

"I'm all right," David said. "I'm going out. Going to look round shops. Is there anything you want?"

"You going to look at the shops?"

"Isn't a crime, is it?" David asked, and swayed a little when he heard what he had said.

A PIECE OF CAKE

WRETCHEDLY, he went on his way. He turned into a big store near his home. Round and round he walked, trying to plunk up courage to steal. Then he helped himself to a tin of crab. No one said him nay, pocketed two tins. Still, no one acted to stop him.

It was a piece of cake, after all.

Now there was no stopping David. Eleven torch batteries he took, a tin of lobster, two packets of tea.

There was a swagger in his walk as he left the store. But a moment later his legs nearly folded under him, as a store-detective came up.

DEVILMENT

AT the Clerkenwell court, David, a chunky, friendly-looking man of 57, pleaded guilty to stealing and listened while Mr Frank Powell, the magistrate, was told of his honourable working life, that he had started in the pits when he was 12.

"It was, just a bit of devilment, this," he said. "I've had a clean life, but there was this bet, you see..."

From Our Files

100 Years Ago

It may be remembered that some time ago (China Mail, March 8, No. 523), a correspondent under the signature of Paternus, expressed his hearty approval of the proposed School, and now he gives the best proof of the sincerity of his good wishes—

To the Editor of the "China Mail,"

Hongkong, 4th April, 1955. Sir—It is with much pleasure I hear that the School, first advocated by you—the first thing done in the Colony for educational purposes for children not Chinese—has already commenced. As I hope, and wish, I had no opportunity of subscribing towards it, and several of my friends who would most willingly have contributed to such a praiseworthy object, complain that the opportunity was not given them.

However, as the work has commenced, I beg to forward to you herewith £10, as a small gift towards laying the foundation of the institution, in whatever sense you may take the phrase.

I shall, as I hear others have done, ensure a subscription for a number of years as soon as I know a little more about the matter. Meanwhile, I remain yours respectfully,

PATERNUS.

FELT HURT

The Ten Pounds accompanying this letter we have received and paid over to the Treasurer of the School, and in the name of the Director beg to thank Paternus for his spontaneous contribution.

It is the more commendable, as the writer evidently feels hurt at having been overlooked, for that seems to be the inference to be drawn from what he says about having had no opportunity of subscribing. As we happen to know that others have made a similar complaint, we must again explain, what we have formerly attempted, but it would seem have failed, to make clear, that there has been no wish on the part of the Directors, or any one of them, to be exclusive in any respect. But before they could be constituted, it was indispensable to ascertain if the scheme would be adequately supported, and its projector undertook the duty of his own accord, and without concert, as an essential preliminary. This was speedily executed, by a round-of rather line of calls between the top of the Lower Bazaar and the Club-house.

Though some were absent, and others strangely overlooked, the amount thus subscribed exceeded the estimated expenses for one year, and rendered further application unnecessary, until a Committee was appointed. The subscribers were therefore as speedily as possible called together by circular, and as they alone were entitled to determine the disposal of their own money, no others were invited to the meeting, the proceedings of which were however speedily made public, and except that fact the School was projected by the editor of a newspaper, which, as in duty bound, other papers carry on, we have not heard an objection either to the plan or to the mode in which it is proposed to be carried out.

IN CIRCULATION

The Subscription Paper was on that occasion handed over to the Treasurer, and was understood as now in the course of general circulation. The amount at the time of the meeting was since been increased, and we trust will soon be doubled. None of the original subscribers were less than £10, which was made the limit of the qualification to vote at general meetings; but there is no limit to the sums which the Committee will gladly receive.

The School is now open, under the charge of Mr Arthur Taylor, at No. 5 Gough Street, but until the books ordered by last mail are received, it cannot be brought into full operation. Meetings of Directors on Saturday last, attended by all of them except one, fixed the fee for Reading and Writing at One Dollar a quarter, and Arithmetic Half a Dollar, the purpose being, that no one should be shut out from the School on account of the expense, but should there be any children whose parents are so poor as not to be able to afford to send them for so important an object, perhaps such rare cases will be best left to individual benevolence. As any rate it has been determined, we think wisely, that no branch of education be gratuitous, and that the Directors have enjoined upon the teacher to make prepayment of the student's fees imperative.

These expenses may be used, and at any rate will defray the costs of Paternus and other friends to the extent, who, we suppose, have been overlooked, but who, we trust, will accept our assurance, that there was no intention either to slight or exclude any one of them.

As for the few who make the same complaint, but who perhaps have not it as just as well perhaps, but their withhold their compliments and support, as a matter, probably would greatly benefit the School.